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## Judge upholds verdict

► Juror moves, takes bus ride to Grayling to fulfill his civic duty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

In the 24 years that public defender James Deamud has been on the job, he said he has never seen a case such as this.

Deamud, representing convicted armed robber Roger Bruce Matt who was present in the courtroom, presented a motion in 46th Circuit Trial Court on March 6 to have the February 20 guilty verdict against his client thrown out, or vacated, after it was discovered one of the jurors no longer lives in Crawford County.

Matt was found guilty on four felony counts, including armed robbery for holding up a clerk at the Admiral gas station on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling on September 3. Michigan State Troopers caught up with him in Kalkaska County after he fled from Grayling on a motorcycle he had hidden near the freeway.

Judge Dennis F. Murphy listened to statements regarding juror Thomas T. Lobsinger from both Deamud and Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss. Both agreed Lobsinger made a good juror and showed no prejudice toward Matt during juror questioning, but they never asked him if he still lived in the county.

Lobsinger's change of residency was not realized until after the guilty verdict was rendered, jurors were collecting their fees and mileage from the County Clerk's office, and the courthouse had been cleared.

When Lobsinger handed the clerk his bus ticket from the Detroit area community of Madison Heights, the prosecutor and attorney were notified. Deamud filed his motion to vacate within a few days of the trial.

Judge Murphy reviewed Michigan law and case law of similar circumstances and took a very close look at the situation.

Lobsinger lived in Grayling at the time he received and completed his juror questionnaire. He signed it on August 7, 2002. In January, 2003 he was notified by forwarded mail that he had been selected for jury duty in February. Judge Murphy said sometimes questionnaires are filled out a year in advance of jury selection, so things can change during that time.

"The attorneys believed we were dealing with a resident of the county," Judge Murphy said. He added that it is not customary to ask potential jurors if they are still a resident of the county or if they have a new address.

"Apparently, Mr. Lobsinger moved to Madison Heights between August 7, 2002 and the trial dates of February 19 and 20, 2003," said Judge Murphy. "His Continued on Page 2A  
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## Gillard holds first office hours in Grayling



State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) discusses issues of concern with Ron Alleman of Grayling. Several constituents visited with Gillard during his first office hours held in Grayling on March 6. Among the issues discussed were the environment, health care, and school funding.

## D.A.R.E. Celebrity Servers raise over \$1,400

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

It was a busy evening at the Big Boy restaurant in Grayling on March 5 as local "Celebrity Servers" waited tables to earn tips to benefit the Crawford County D.A.R.E. program in local schools.

Members of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, along with local school officials and folks from the media donned aprons, sturdy shoes and D.A.R.E. T-shirts, then waited on an array of citizens who came to show their support.

Waiting tables that night was Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who earned the largest single tip of \$60 from a table of women who insisted he dance for the money. He obliged. Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, School Liaison Deputy Bill Bonkowski, and D.A.R.E. Coordinator Deputy Randy Herman rounded out the staff for the Sheriff's office.

"We had a lot of fun," said Undersheriff Kraycs. "We raised more than we thought we would and we were all impressed with the high school Continued on Page 3A  
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## QUILT GUILD DONATES BOOK, QUILT TO LIBRARY

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The AuSable Quilt Guild donated a copy of the children's book *The Quilmakers Gift* to the library. The story is about a quilter who makes quilts for the needy and her interactions with the king.

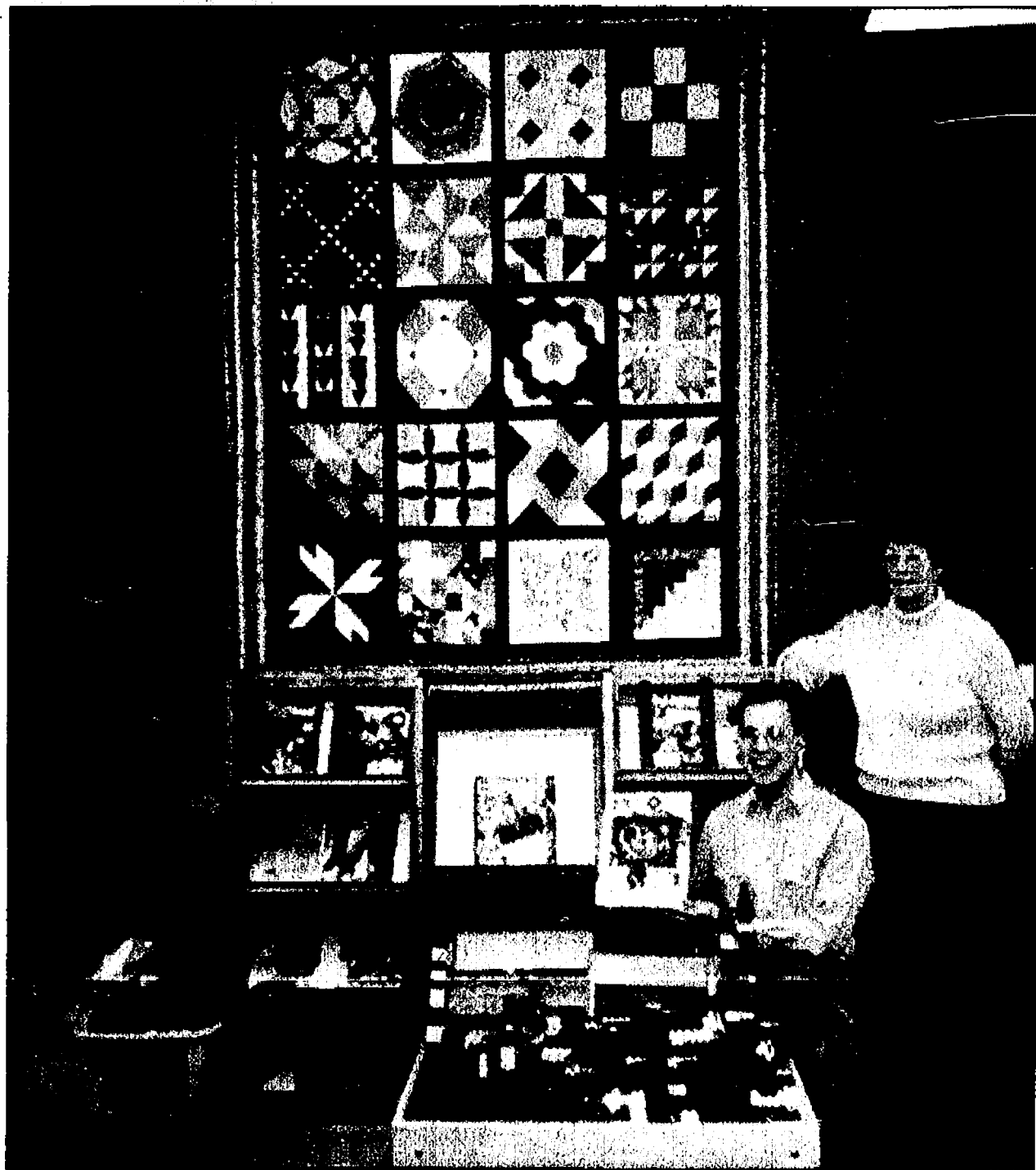
Thirty-nine different quilt blocks are shown in the book and the guild decided to make a quilt containing all of the blocks and then donate the quilt to the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library.

Sue Gilpin of Johannesburg, and Carla Aderente of Ann Arbor, provided 12 inch patterns for each of the blocks. Each guild member selected at least one block to make.

The blocks were then assembled by Gilpin and Aderente, with 20 blocks on each side of the quilt. The fortieth block is the logo of the guild. When they were finished, Mary White and Kathy Burkitt, owners of *In The Woods Quilting*, in Grayling did the quilting.

The blocks were made in the same colors as shown in the book so that when the book is read during story hour, children will be able to identify the block on the quilt.

The quilt is hanging in the children's area of the library and the book will become one of the collection of books used in story Continued on Page 2A  
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Library Director Edward Elsner holds the book *The Quilmakers Gift* donated by the AuSable Quilt Guild. The quilt on the wall, featuring all of the blocks shown in the book, was also donated by the guild. Guild member Sue Gilpin along with Carla Aderente (not pictured), provided patterns for the blocks.

## Teenager told to tow the line

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

After seven months in the county jail, a 17-year old who faced up to 10 years in state prison for breaking into a Grayling Township home, was set free last week.

Casey Nelson Darling pled guilty in February to breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny in a plea agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss. Seven other serious charges stemming from a crime spree last year were dismissed in exchange for his plea.

At his sentencing before Judge Dennis F. Murphy on March 6 in 46th Circuit Trial Court, Darling was given credit for 215 days already served, with the remainder of jail time held in abeyance. Huss stated he did not support Darling leaving jail before serving a full year.

Darling's court appointed attorney, James Deamud, said his client has gone through a lot of changes since being jailed. "I watched his self esteem come up... he realizes he has made a shambles of his young life," Deamud said. The attorney told the court what Darling really needs is to "get out of this community" and get away from his past associations.

"You're very lucky to have against you only a single charge of breaking and entering," Judge Murphy told Darling.

Huss said there were six to

eight additional incidents he could have charged against Darling, but the paperwork would be too voluminous.

"Well, maybe you shouldn't be dismissing all of these charges," commented Judge Murphy to Huss. A Department of Corrections pre-sentencing report recommended a stiffer sentence for the teenager, but Darling's older sister offered to take him into her home and get him on the right track.

"I was lonely, depressed, confused, suicidal and drug addicted at the time (of the crimes)," Darling explained to Judge Murphy. "I plan to live with my sister in Ionia when I get out."

Deamud stated he found his client did not receive services due him and that the Crawford AuSable School District "pulled funding" for his special needs while at the Second Chance school. Deamud said Darling has plans to continue his education which ended formally in the 7th grade and will be getting a job when he relocates.

Judge Murphy appeared reluctant to turn the teenager back out into the community, but remarked that Deamud and Huss knew more about Darling and his case, therefore would trust their judgement in the matter.


Before Darling left the courtroom, Judge Murphy warned him, "Don't you give your sister any grief... you better be towing Continued on Page 2A  
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## Vehicles collide on ice covered road

► Four taken to Mercy after two vehicles collide on icy, snowy road

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Heavy snow the day before, followed by bitter temperatures and howling winds created drifted and icy conditions on local secondary roads the evening of March 9, resulting in a number of mishaps.

The most serious accident this past weekend involved two local women drivers and their passengers, whose vehicles collided at about 7:15 p.m. on Sherman Road in Maple Forest Township.

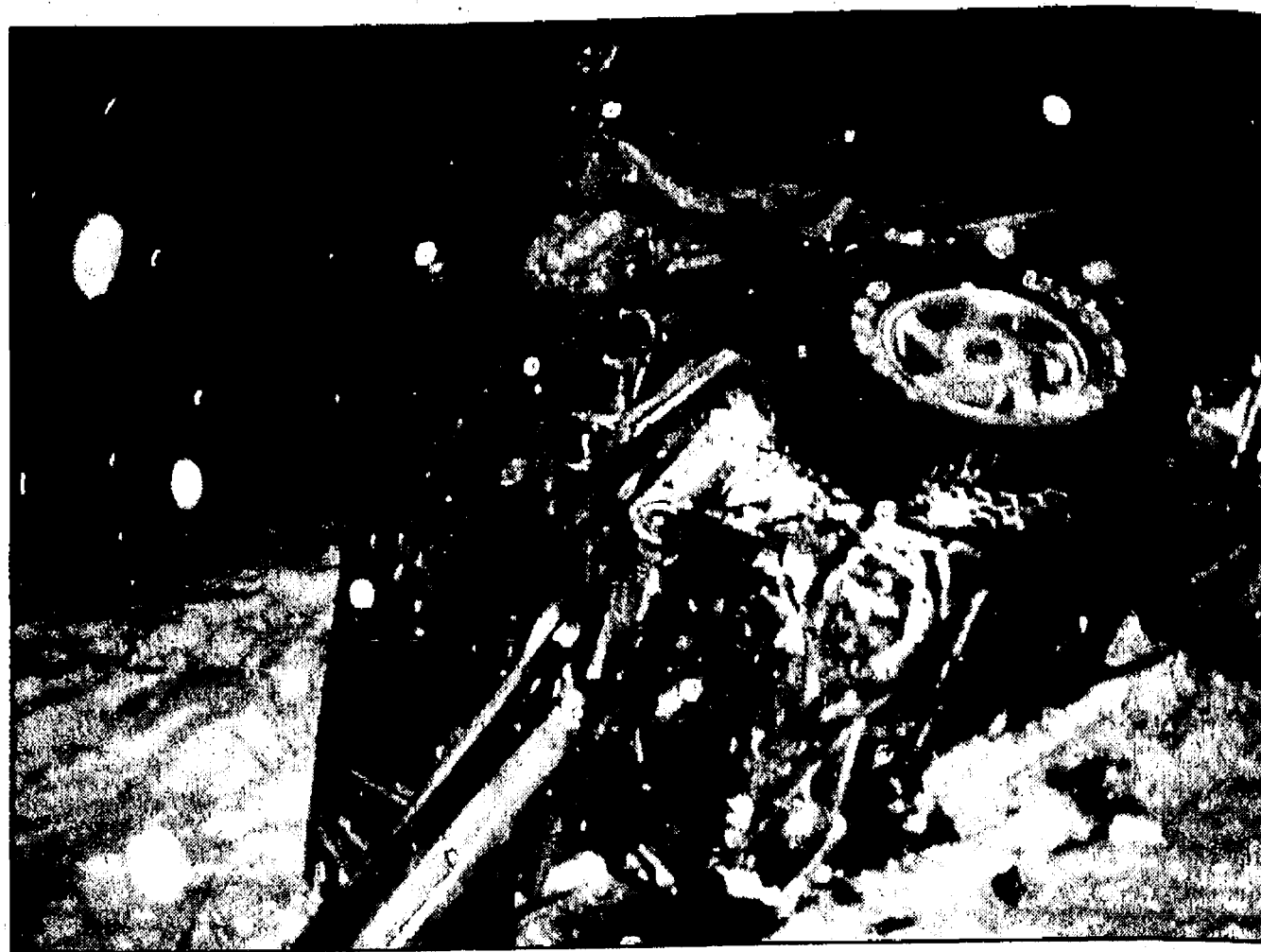
Cynthia Annette Britten, age 46 of Grayling, told Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy John McDonald she was driving south on Sherman Road, near West Marker Road and lost control of her car on the snow and ice, then slid sideways and nearly head-on into the path of a Ford Explorer driven by 56-year old Connie Swander, of Grayling, who was approaching northbound.

After being struck by Britten's car, Swander's SUV slid sideways and rolled onto its side in the ditch. Luckily, no one sustained life-threatening injuries.

Frederic Township Fire and Rescue personnel responded to the scene and used the Jaws of Life to help gain access to Swander and her granddaughter, eight-year old Josie Swander, as well as Britten's passenger, 34-year old Rebecca Sue Kemper of Frederic.

A Mobile Medical Response (MMR) ambulance and crew also responded to help Frederic transport all four accident victims to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, where all but Swander were reported to have been treated and released.

According to Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, Swander was hospital-



Photos courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

This 1993 Ford Explorer was being driven by Grayling resident Connie Swander when it collided with another car and landed on its side. Swander was accompanied by her granddaughter at the time of the crash. Swander was hospitalized that night for unknown injuries. Her granddaughter was released.



Cynthia Britten's 1997 Chrysler is a total loss after a collision on Sherman Road last Sunday evening. Although the passenger in her car was trapped, both sustained only minor injuries.

ized Sunday night for a possible

head injury. "No details were available regarding the others'

injuries. Alcohol is not considered to be a factor in the crash.

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## Quilt guild donates book, quilt to library

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hour. Guild members said they hoped the quilt would be available during story hour so the children can examine the quilt while the story is being read.

The guild has been active this year making quilt blocks for the River House Shelter fundraiser quilts. They have also donated several quilts to the shelter to

give to the children staying there.

The guild currently has about 35 members from across northern Michigan and one from Ann Arbor. They meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the every month at Grayling Township Hall. Members range from beginning quilters to experts.

Visitors are welcome.

## Judge upholds verdict

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notice for jury duty was forwarded to him, he hopped on a bus -- not knowing any better -- so he could serve his civic duty."

Murphy called Lobsinger's actions "laudable, almost super-civic duty." He said no one would expect a juror to show up, but Lobsinger did the "exact opposite" of what most jurors would do in the same situation. Many people try to find any excuse to get out of jury duty.

Judge Murphy also considered the fact that there were 13 jurors in all -- including an alternate -- who sat through the trial and that it took those 12 people only 18 minutes to render their unanimous verdict. "Apparently, the jurors found the case cut and dry, but what must be done about this now?"

After considering all the facts

and reviewing the law, Judge Murphy found Lobsinger fit all criteria of a proper juror with the exception of his residency, which he described as "an innocent mistake," but with no proof of any prejudice.

He added that the subject of residency should have come up during the selection process, if ever.

Deamud interjected that Lobsinger's trip back to Grayling would not seem unusual to anyone who knows him because he has a significant amount of family here.

Judge Murphy called the situation odd and unusual, then denied Deamud's motion, however preserving Matt's right to the objection on the juror issue.

Matt remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail awaiting sentencing.

## Teenager told to tow the line

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the line down there, young man. I am not going to tolerate any violations of curfew, use of drugs or alcohol." Murphy also warned Darling that his experience will not be so nice "next time" if the teenager violates his probation and ends up back in court.

Also as part of his sentence, Darling must participate in an education program, pay full restitution for all the crimes originally charged, obey an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, and have no association with any convicted felon unless preauthorized by his probation officer.



## Travelogue features the 'land down under'

► Continent nation covered top to bottom, side to side

Visit the exciting land of down under with host Bob DeLoss as the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series takes patrons on a camera travelogue tour of Australia this Thursday evening.

"Australia - Top to Bottom, Side to Side" covers this island nation and continent from east coast to west coast, and from its northern tip to its southern corner.

Australia is the world's oldest, flattest, and driest continent and the only one which is a country. Equal to the lower 48 U.S. states in area, it was the last inhabited continent to be discovered and because of its isolation, hosts unique geology, flora and fauna. Numerous visits have captured the essence of an amazing land.

Highlights of the travelogue include visits to the cities of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth, Darwin and Cairns. Brisbane Outback towns featured include Broken Hill, Kalgoorlie, and Mt. Isa.

Many of Australia's unusual animals will be featured, including fairy penguins, emus, koalas, quokkas, kangaroos, and platypus.



Fashioned out of a hollow tree trunk, the didgeridoo provides the rhythm for dancing by northern Australian Aborigines. When the first Europeans arrived, the Aborigines numbered an estimated 300,000. Comprising one-percent of the population, today they total only 160,000, of which only 40,000 are pure-blooded.

The camera will offer a treat for the eye with visits to Ayers Rock, Olga Mountains and the Great Barrier Reef. Farming operations, as well as mining and rodeos are also a part of this extensive exploration of the land down under.

The film is a co-production of Ken Armstrong and Bob DeLoss. Armstrong is an award-winning

television and newspaper journalist with over 40 years of travel film experience. DeLoss is a noted educator and former broadcaster whose travel films have netted him the title of naturalist adventurer extraordinary.

Doors open March 13 at 6:45 p.m. and show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Tickets are \$7 for

adults and \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and will be available at the door or in advance at the Crawford AuSable School District's main office on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call 348-7146.

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## Arsonist receives jail time, lengthy probation

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Frederic Township man, who pled guilty last month to a reduced charge of attempted arson, was sentenced March 6 to nine months in the Crawford County Jail and four years probation.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew admitted to 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy that he tried to set fire to an old ice manufacturing plant in Frederic Township last August 16. "I've learned from my mistakes and I will do anything it takes to get

out of jail, your honor," Mayhew said.

"So far, you have only burned vacant buildings," stated Judge Murphy to Mayhew. "Why do you keep burning things?" he asked.

"I don't know, your honor," Mayhew replied. "I've been burning things since I was a little kid. I hope I don't do it again."

Since being incarcerated more than six months ago, Mayhew has been receiving counseling for his mental health needs. He has 66 more days to serve to fulfill his jail time.

Judge Murphy and Prosecutor John Huss agreed Mayhew, who receives Social Security Disability pay and went as far as the ninth grade in school, would not be "cured" of his problems by placing him in jail or prison for an extended period of time. They agreed by placing him on lengthy probation, he would have to check in periodically with a probation officer who could monitor his progress with the local mental health agency.

"I am compelled by law to provide treatment," said Judge Murphy. "If Mr. Mayhew vio-

lates his probation, he faces five years in prison."

As part of his sentencing, Mayhew was ordered to perform community service once released from jail. Another stipulation added allows law enforcement to detain Mayhew for 72 hours if he is suspected on violating his probation.

## COA looks to restructure its staff

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At a recent meeting the Commission on Aging (COA) board was surprised to learn there is no table of organization to allow for a smooth transition if something unexpected happens to the director.

Director Nova Anderson told

them that when she is gone for a short time the part-time nurse takes over but there is no provision for leadership if she is gone for an extended period of time.

Board members deemed this an unacceptable situation and decided to hire a consultant to study the current organizational structure and make recommenda-

tions to remedy the situation.

The board said based on the recommendations there may be a new assistant director position or currently existing positions may be restructured into a definite chain of command.

The board said they would keep senior citizens apprised of the changes.

## D.A.R.E. event raises over \$1,400

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students and other Big Boy staff we got to work with. We have a renewed sense of how hard their jobs really are, but still it was a lot of fun for everyone."

From the Crawford AuSable Schools, Superintendent Milli Haug and Grayling Middle School Assistant Principal Jeff Branch hustled up some tips,

while media representatives Michelle Pocock from television station 9 and 10 News, and Crawford County Avalanche General Manager Linda Golnick and writer Cheryll Ruley did the same.

The combination of tips, raffle ticket sales and 10 percent of food sales donated by Big Boy management that evening

totalled over \$1,400 for the D.A.R.E. program which features anti-drug, anti-alcohol and anti-violence education. A similar event in the fall is being considered.

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## Purse snatcher pleads guilty to lesser charge

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

In a plea agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, William Benjamin Boyd pled guilty March 3 to a charge of larceny to person stemming from an incident on December 4 at Glen's Family Market.

Under oath, 20-year old Boyd told 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis that while in the supermarket that evening he snatched the purse of a local woman from her shopping cart.

Some of Glen's employees, along with a Good Samaritan, stopped Boyd from leaving the parking lot and held him until law enforcement arrived. The

purse and its contents were recovered.

As part of the agreement, the original charge of unarmed robbery -- a 15-year felony -- was dropped and the larceny charge was added.

Huss also agreed to drop two felony no-account check charges pending against Boyd in 83rd District Court. Boyd faces up to 10 years in state prison on the larceny charge and will be ordered to pay \$141 in restitution upon sentencing.

With the plea, Boyd waives his right to a trial and an appeal. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on his original bond of \$55,000. He is due to be sentenced early next month.

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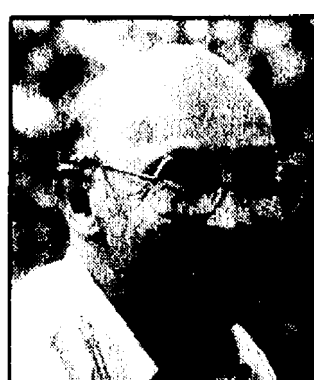


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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Granholt budget is a wondrous thing

MICHIGAN MAY be turning into the wonderful world of Oz.

A new Democratic governor plunked down a budget for the coming year which cut the heck out of almost everything and everybody in the state -- and hardly anyone complained real loud.

In general, new Governor Jennifer Granholm's spending plan for the 2003-04 fiscal year has been acclaimed as a stateswoman-like job.

By state law, the governor must submit a balanced budget. She did, resorting mainly to cuts in current spending levels to overcome an expected shortfall in revenues of almost \$2 billion.

Oh, there's about \$600 million or so increased state revenues, but no new taxes, according to the governor.

"We have built a government that is lean but not mean," boast-

ed Governor Granholm. "As long as I am your governor, this state will live within our means."

Just for the record, Governor Granholm is the first Democratic Michigan governor in 12 years...and the only statewide full time elected administrative official who is a Democrat.

EVEN REPUBLICANS were generally complimentary.

Senator Shirley Johnson, chair of the appropriations committee in the state senate, complimented Governor Granholm for being "very creative," adding that "we are all members of this state and we have to work together."

Republican Marc Shulman, chair of the house appropriations committee, said: "This was a very, very good faith attempt to address our top priorities. It reflects a lot of Republican priorities, too."

Legislators Johnson and Shulman both are Republicans.

The Granholm budget seemed to float into existence like a butterfly, although it stings like a swarm of huge, irate hornets to state employees who are being asked to give up scheduled pay raises, higher education faced with yet another cut in state support, the fine arts, college students, cities, townships, counties, folks on Medicaid, adult education, users of state parks, everyone who drives a car...there's hardly a person who won't feel the Granholm cuts and bruises in one way or another.

But where's the outrage? Where are the constituent groups hollering that the cuts are unfair and even murderous?

WHEN REPUBLICAN John Engler became governor in 1991, he proposed cutting state aid to

the arts...and he became Attila the Hun with a broad axe attacking symphonies and museums.

Mr. Engler cut hard on mental health aid...and he was accused of throwing patients callously into the streets.

Have times changed that much? Maybe so.

Perhaps it's because Ms. Granholm did a magnificent job traveling the state and pre-conditioning the public to the inevitability of cutting back government.

Even so, the reality is that Democrats -- stereotyped as profligate spenders of public money -- are slashing and cutting public budgets.

Republicans -- stereotyped as tight fisted and hard hearted -- are taking a more cautious wait-and-see approach.

Have we arrived in the wondrous land of political Oz?

THE PLEDGE of "no new taxes" rings "no new taxes" rings a bit hollow, too.

The loudest early criticism of the Granholm budget concerned the four-cent a gallon tax increase in diesel fuel. That's a real, though modest, tax increase on truckers.

Taking away \$2,000 of the \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award scholarships may not be a new tax, but it means college freshmen will be paying higher tuition. What's that called?

What about almost doubling the state fee for renewing a driver's license, or higher fees to visit state parks. They're technically not tax increases, but they cost people more money, which is what taxes do.

Michigan's Jennifer Granholm is not the only governor to hide behind a pledge against new

taxes. "No new taxes" was a popular platform for candidates in last year's campaigns.

And Michigan is not the only state facing burgeoning spending and shrinking revenue supplies.

But sooner or later, state leaders from the governor on down -- in Michigan and in state after state -- are nearing the point where they must face up to the inevitable need to ask for more taxes.

There is a limit to how far government can reduce spending, and still carry out its primary function, which is to tend to the legitimate needs of its citizens.

We may be almost there.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## It's time for us all to act like Americans

To the editor,

This is in response to the letter by Mr. George Morse.

Sir, before I express my views, I wish to commend you for your service to our great country in Korea. I am sure you served admirably and bravely in a terrible war. I am sure you saw and experienced many horrible things during your tour.

I detect in your letter a great amount of bitterness, perhaps associated with the disability you suffered. I am in sympathy with you if this was as a result of your participation in the Korean conflict.

Let me state out front where I am coming from. I am indeed a conservative Republican, and could be considered a "hawk," in the sense that I believe in a strong military, able to protect us against any adversary or "tin horn" dictator who has the audacity to threaten us.

This includes the cowards who saw fit to murder 3,000 of our own people at the World Trade Center and the innocent people on three airliners. This was done in the name of religion and our support of Israel, when in truth these cowards were nothing but weak, pathetic sadists driven by pure evil.

You state that the move to war against Iraq is being initiated by

warmongers and draft dodgers. I think you are confusing warmongers with a president and administration who have the will and courage to track down and punish any and all people who support terrorism and those countries who support them.

As far as draft dodgers, you must be referring to former President Clinton who spent time in Russia during the Vietnam war. Oh, I forgot, he is excused for this because he stated many times that he loathed the military and was more interested in satisfying his sexual needs than protecting this great country.

Did I miss your letter protesting his launching a few cruise missiles at Iraq, sending our military to Bosnia and Somalia, and giving military secrets to China, or was that o.k. with you?

Oh, yeah! You can thank him for looking the other way while North Korea developed capacity to produce nuclear weapons...oops. Clinton must have had his mind on other things.

I don't know where you are getting your information stating that Saddam Hussein is not connected with or supporting Osama bin Laden, but the CIA states he is indeed supporting and training terrorists. If it is bin Laden or not, who cares?

I have every confidence

President Bush and his administration will handle what needs to be done to protect this great country, all Americans and our allies.

It this letter seems rough on liberals and the left wing, tough! I am sick to death of the "blame America first" crowd and the apologists for terrorism. Having said that, I regret any member of the armed forces who has to go into harm's way with the chance of injury or death. But freedom and our way of life are not without cost.

I have had the honor of knowing many men who have served in the Army, Navy and Marines, and they were proud to serve. They served in Vietnam, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, the Arctic Circle, and other areas. I am sure they would have preferred to be in another area where they could have enjoyed the comforts and enjoyment they were protecting for us, but they saluted and said "Yes, sir," and did their duty. I am proud to call many of them friends.

If it is necessary to go to war to rid Saddam of the weapons he possesses, many men and women will answer the call. They will do what needs to be done with honor, and with as few losses of life on both sides as possible.

I am proud of this country and of the men and women who defend her. We are all Americans. It's time we started acting like it. God bless America. Let's roll!

James W. Allman  
Frederic

## Millions of Iraqis await liberation by America

To the editor,

I cannot allow Cathy Lester's letter to your esteemed newspaper pass without a retort from a sensible American.

To recap, Ms. Lester believes we should, "...reach Arabs at the grass roots level." Is she referring to the maniac terrorist faction in the Middle East, or the peace loving mainstream Islamic community?

This week's murder suicide in Israel attests to the reasonableness of terrorists. These people are happy to strap bombs to their children and send them off to kill other children. These bombings are the actions of insane zealots, not a disenfranchised people who

think we are treating them unfairly.

Terrorism is a weapon of the unreasonable. How do you begin a grass roots dialog with suicide bombers? How do you reason with a man who willingly pilots an airplane into a building? How do you reason with parents who are happy to strap bombs to their children? How many thousands of Americans must die in future terrorist attacks while we wait for these zealots to change their opinions of us?

No one in their right mind would opt for war over diplomacy, but we must recognize that there are times when diplomacy does not work and war is the only option. This is

one of those occasions. These people have attacked us and have promised to attack us again in the future. We must stop these people and war is the only way.

There are millions of Iraqis waiting to be liberated from the Hussein dictatorship. If America does not go to their aid, who will?

Winston Churchill was one of the sanest men of the 20th century. Of course he would say, "Jaw-jaw is better than war-war." But when attacked, Churchill rallied his people to prevail against Nazi terrorism! Can we shirk our responsibilities and do less?

Craig Dandy  
Grayling

## Current Iraq situation mirrors 1939

To the editor,

The tension in the world is high. A sovereign nation is controlled by a man seen as a tyrant from the outside and a hero from the inside.

That he has amassed an army and arsenal of weapons secretly cannot be disputed. That he has seized land before this belonging to other sovereign nations is undeniable. Still the world looks on hoping that the inevitable "next step" will not come.

The French and British both hope to avert war. The Russians turn a blind eye, thinking it could not effect them. There is no help from the United Nations because (the war) has not begun.

You see, this is the world my grandfather saw in the Spring of 1939, prior to the German invasion of Poland. They only difference is that Adolf Hitler took control of Germany in a more peaceful way than Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein.

I am 33 years old and have never served in the military, something I both regret and am thankful for at the same time. Men like Mr. Morse served in my stead, faithful to their country and to its call. They did not always personally believe in the cause and some were serving

involuntarily, but they served.

They suffered the horror of war, and some experienced disgraceful mistreatment upon their return. I respectfully disagree, however, with Mr. Morse's opinion of the effectiveness and reasonability of the United States around the world.

More than 100,000 Americans lost their lives on D-Day alone. Had Adolf Hitler been stopped earlier, could this high price have been averted? Even these wars that by all accounts we "lost" (I believe we lose something any time we have to wage war), a message was still sent to the rest of the world that the United States opposes tyranny and supports democracy and was a force to be reckoned with.

We have become a generation of technology. Since the 1960s, the grim realities of war have been brought into our living rooms with dinner. I do not believe that most Americans are naive enough to approach the conflict with Saddam Hussein with a cavalier attitude, the cost has been counted.

I believe our leaders, especially our current president, are feeling a heavy burden to make the right decision. I also pray for peace, I dread the loss of a single

life.

The pressure of potential military action has already helped Iraq "find" misplaced documents and destroy several missiles they have "forgotten."

Our United States Armed Forces are among the top, if not the best, trained military in the world and are much more of a deterrent on Middle East soil than at home.

The irony I find in all of this is that the United Nations was created as a world body to prevent so-called sovereign nations from attacking, or even threatening other nations.

Mr. Morse states in his editorial (letter to the editor published March 6) that "Iraq had no involvement in the 9/11 tragedy," he later states that no link has yet been found. Whether they directly supported this event or not, they have been linked to terrorism, which I believe is the cause we are struggling against...at least I hope that to other Americans, this is all more than just another vendetta.

Pray for peace while standing united.

Mike Linderer  
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# BRIEFS

## Scholarship money available

Tri-Lake Home Builders Association will offer \$3,000 in scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year to students in Grayling, Houghton Lake and Roscommon, for those pursuing a career in the building industry, including construction, drafting, engineering, design, architecture, and decorating. Scholarship money is raised through the \$3 donation entry fees paid at the Tri-Lakes Annual Home Show at the Houghton Lake High School each year. This year's show is scheduled for March 29-30. Scholarship applications are available at the high school counseling offices or by writing: Tri-Lakes HBA, P.O. Box 25, Roscommon, MI 48653; or via e-mail at trilakes@freeway.net. Deadline for applications is April 10, 2003.

## Senator Stamas to visit Grayling

36th District State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will be holding office hours on March 14, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling. Sen. Stamas invites all citizens wishing to express their opinion or needing assistance with a state issue to stop by and see him. Earlier in the day, the Senator will be at the Otsego County Library in Gaylord from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone who cannot attend these meetings, may call (517) 373-7946 or visit [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/stamas](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/stamas).

## Friends of the Sheriff plans meeting

The Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Eagles Hall. Anyone interested in learning more about how current budget cuts are affecting your local law enforcement is welcome. Anyone concerned with the public safety of all who live in the county should plan to attend.

## Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the doctors' dining room cafeteria (back) of Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

## St. John Ladies to host card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, March 19 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Fill a table bring a friend or just come to enjoy a winter afternoon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## Many local scholarships available

Many local individuals, organizations and businesses have generously contributed college scholarships for Grayling High School seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2003. Applications are available in the Grayling High School counseling office and deadline for most is March 21, 2003. Scholarship recipients will be announced at Senior Honors Night which will be held on May 22 in the cafeteria of the AuSable Primary School. If you have questions or if an organization wishes to sponsor a scholarship, contact Teresa Bonamie in the counseling office at 344-3512.

## Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held this Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

## Peace march planned each Saturday

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held every Saturday in March from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., forming in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Cathy Lester at 348-8801.

## GMS offers Saturday School Program

The Grayling Middle School staff has implemented a Saturday School Program to identify and help those students who are failing two or more classes at the middle school. The main goal of Saturday School is to increase student responsibility, which will lead to successful student learning. Dates for this round of Saturday School classes are March 15, March 22 and April 12, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at GMS. Students must attend and be successful two out of the three Saturdays listed. Any questions regarding Saturday School may be directed by Joni Metiva at 344-3560 or 344-3550.

## Alpine Singles seeking new members

► Dinner and dancing planned for March 15 at Alten Zimmer

Alpine Singles would like to invite single, unmarried adults in northern Michigan to sign up and become a member of their group. Dues are \$5 annually, which includes newsletter and added perks from local businesses.

Activity Planners are also needed and meet the first Tuesday of the month at B.J.'s Restaurant in Gaylord at 7 p.m. Music and dancing follow each meeting at Timothy's Pub.

Put your planning hat on, get off your sofa and get involved. Being on the activity planning committee is a fun way to get to

know other singles and to get involved. No experience is necessary. Events to be planned include: Card Party, Pasta Party, Casino Night, Farm Fest Camp, Beach Party, Dessert Party, Sleigh Rides, Breakfast Out, Alpine Fest, Mixers, Dining Out and dancing.

On March 15, the Alpine Singles will meet at Alten Zimmer's for a dance and on Sunday, March 16 Petoskey Casino Day is planned. There is also dancing every Thursday night at Timothy's Pub in Gaylord.

All activities have a small cover charge of \$4 to \$6 to cover costs of each event. For more information, or to make suggestions for activities, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570 or Marge at (989) 731-3044 or e-mail: [alpinsingles@hotmail.com](mailto:alpinsingles@hotmail.com).

## MDOT to host open house on M-72 project

► Public meeting to be held March 17 at Grayling Township Hall

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host an open house at Grayling Township Hall on Monday, March 17 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) to review and discuss its upcoming M-72 West improvement project.

The meeting is open to the public.

MDOT is reconstructing M-72 from the west junction of M-93 to Old Lake Road with curb and gutter, storm sewer, and driveway improvements. Pine Point Road will also be upgraded as part of the project.

The March 17 open house — to be held in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall — will include a short overview of the project and a one-on-one question and answer session with MDOT officials and local officials.

## Maple Syrup Day to be held at Hartwick Pines

On March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hartwick Pines State Park will have a day of activities celebrating North America's oldest agricultural product, maple sugar! Visitors to the park will be able to:

- walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree,
- observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup,
- learn about the history of maple sugar making in North America,
- view videos titled *Maple Sugar Farmer*, *Maple Sugaring* and *The Maple Sugaring Story*,
- ask Russell Kidd, MSU District Extension Forestry Agent questions about backyard and commercial sugaring, and
- purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Special activities for children include helping to "build a tree," making a paper mokuk and play-

ing a photosynthesis game. These activities instruct kids of all ages about how trees make their own food, what sap is and how trees are made up of many layers beneath the outer protective bark. Making a paper mokuk replica provides a history lesson and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture. A mokuk was a birchbark container in which native people transported maple sugar.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan and welcome spring at this educational and fun event. Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

The Logging Museum will also be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no fee for this event, but a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.

## Fly tying workshop offered at Hartwick Pines

Start planning for the opening of trout fishing season by signing up now for a fly tying workshop to be held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, April 12.

Participants of the workshop will learn how to tie six popular patterns including the famous Adams, hare's ear nymph, and marabou muddler.

The workshop will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center and run from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In addition to instruction in tying flies, fly casting and fishing

techniques will also be discussed and demonstrated for beginners.

The cost of the workshop is \$40 and includes equipment and materials to tie over 25 flies. Each participant will be provided with a vice to use and be given the option to purchase it at the end of the workshop.

A \$10 reservation fee is required to secure a spot, with the balance due the day of the workshop.

For more information and to sign up, call Chris Kline at (989) 344-1343.

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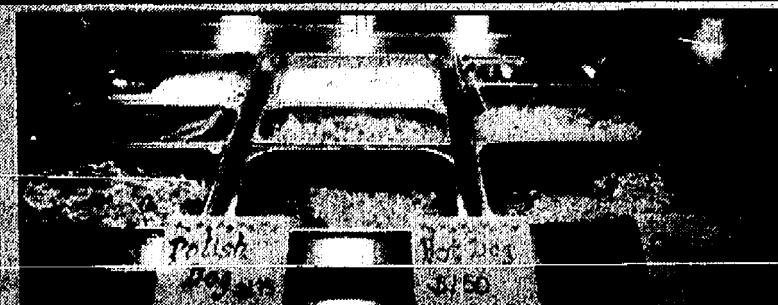
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# The Bible Speaks

## Liberal Lies

Having rejected as their final authority - God, the Bible, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution, liberals have become their own god and their own standard for truth and morality. After gaining control of the media, education, Hollywood, and religious denominations, they have felt secure playing god from their ivory towers. Anyone who dares to challenge his or her person, position, or power is publicly branded as a dummy or liar. The one thing they cannot tolerate is ridicule. Ann Coulter's best selling book, "Slander - Liberal Lies About The American Right" is a luminous, clever work exposing the tactics and threats of liberalism in America today. Below are just a few edited quotes from her book.

Ann said, "Liberals don't believe there is such a thing as fact, or truth. Everything is a struggle for power between rival doctrines." "Liberals argue by creating semantic bedlam" "Liberals think that if they never admit to lying, there is no proof that they are lying." "The goal of modern propaganda is no longer to transform opinion but to arouse an active and mythical belief." "Like all propagandists, liberals create mythical enemies to justify their own viciousness and advance their agenda."

Ann said, "There is no bogeyman that strikes greater terror in the left than the apocryphal religious right." Ann used their own quotes showing

they believe "the religious right is a very, very small minority, whose goal is to force people to do things, against their will, populated by an army of 'easily led' cornpones. They are 'fire-breathing,' sell out 'our children in the name of religion,' and enjoy 'narrowly defining the rights of others.' Also 'evil.'"

Ann said, "For twenty years, evangelical Christians had been portrayed as toothless hicks preaching for a nickel in the Ozarks. Then seamlessly, without remark on the shift in the Orwellian propaganda they were transformed into Howard Hughes money men, expertly manipulating the system." "These purported 'leaders, of the' religious right, are talismans, meant to inspire fear even as the public is trained to laugh at them reflexively." "They believe religious people are self-evidently fanatical. Religious values are hateful, homophobic, sexist, racist, and the rest of the liberal catechism unless they are kept in the closet." "Yet liberals behave as if they are under constant threat of extermination from the 'religious right.'" "The imaginary threat of the 'religious right' is important because it allows liberals to complain about their victimization by religious zealots."

In the last chapter of her book Ann said, "Liberals hate religion because politics is a religion substitute for liberals and they can't stand the competition." "The hatred is blinding, pro-

ducing logical contradictions that would be impossible to sustain were it not for the central element faith plays in the left's new religion. The basic tenet of their faith is this: Maybe they were wrong on facts and policies, but they are good and conservatives are evil." Ann said, "You almost want to give it to them. It's all they have left."

But if or when we lose our faith and hope in our God, our Bible, our Declaration of Independence, and our U. S. Constitution, then all Americans will have nothing left but slavery and/or death. Pastor "B"

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"You may be interested in sharing your time, energy, or expertise," said Nielsen. "Volunteering has many benefits, including giving back to the community, strengthening the mission of Mercy, making a real difference in the lives of others, building lasting friendships, enjoying outside activities, and

giving to others. Most of all, it's fun."

Volunteering as little as just four hours a week can make a big difference in a patient's life, as well as your own, said Nielsen.

"You probably have all the skills necessary to become a volunteer. All it takes is a little compassion, a touch of friendship, and a small dose of laughter," said Nielsen.

Mercy volunteers, whether in direct patient interaction or working behind the scenes, receive specialized training in the tasks they perform.

For more information on becoming a Mercy volunteer, call Diane Nielsen at (989) 348-0594 or visit the hospital's website: [mercygrayling.munson-healthcare.org](http://mercygrayling.munson-healthcare.org) on the Internet.

## Diocese offers day of prayer, reflection

In honor of "Women's History Month," the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord has invited theologian Sister Aneliese Sinnott, O.P., Ph.D., to lead a day of prayer and study on Saturday, March 29.

The event will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 611 North Street in Gaylord. Prayer begins at 10 a.m. with coffee available at 9:30 a.m.

Concluding prayer will take the day to 3:30 p.m.

The title of Sister Sinnott's presentation is "Holy Women in History," during which she will guide the listeners through the lives of some famous as well as lesser known Christian women.

Sister Sinnott, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for the Ecumenical Seminary in

Detroit, is a dynamic teacher and a woman of deep faith, who both men and women will enjoy hearing.

The cost of the day is \$15, which includes lunch. Reservations must be received by March 21.

Contact Sister Barbara Matievich at (989) 732-5147 for further information.

## Where Creeks Turn Into Rivers

Perhaps you are hiking in the woods. You come onto a mountain stream where cool, clear water bubbles over pebbles and stones. The water is flowing toward...well, just where is the destination? At the end of its journey, this playful little stream could have become a mighty river. "But to me it's just a little stream," you say.

A mighty river is created from many little streams. With each joining tributary, meandering streams become part of a more powerful force moving with purpose toward their goal. That river might power homes or carry goods to another destination.

Like the little stream, each of us is capable of becoming part of a more powerful influence for good, for God's House is made up of many souls joining to form a spiritual river which can flow through the community, the state, the nation, and ultimately, the world. We read in John 7:38 where our Lord declares... "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Won't you let God's House be your destination this Sabbath?

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Sunday School-  
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Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
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Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday.....7 pm

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Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

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Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

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Sacrament.....10 am  
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Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
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Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
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Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850  
Sunday Office  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
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Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

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Evening Service.....6 pm  
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Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

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Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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# OBITUARIES



## Dennis Ludwig

**Sept. 7, 1942 - March 5, 2003**  
Dennis Edwin (John) Ludwig, age 60, of Detroit, died Wednesday, March 5 at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Detroit MI on September 7, 1942 to Anthony and Clara Ludwig.

He was married to Catherine Mijer on Sept 12, 1985.

He enjoyed hunting and his grandchildren.

Surviving Mr. Ludwig are his wife Catherine; three stepchildren, Debra Curtis from Grayling, Richard Steely from Grayling, Mychel Parsons and friend John Cuttingham; three grandchildren Jessica Ramsey, Angelica Ramsey, and Dwayne (Tammy) Ramsey; two sisters - Patricia (Jack) Coveyou, and Gloria (James) O'Grady; five brothers - Eugene (Sally) Ludwig, Richard Ludwig, Ronald (Jean) Ludwig, Anthony (Sharon) Ludwig, and Robert (Theresa) Ludwig. 14 nieces and nephews, 20 great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 15 at St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m. Visitation at the church will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## In Memory of Barbara Henderson March 9, 1998

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Jan Henderson Hart and family

## In Memory of Scott Stade March 14, 2002

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He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

He knew you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.

He knew you would never get well on earth again.

He knew the road was getting tough and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you Scott but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home!

Forever in our hearts We miss you so much.

Mom, Darryl and Todd

## Ronald C. Hough

**April 27, 1913 - March 5, 2003**  
Ronald C. Hough, age 89, of Williamsburg, died Wednesday, March 5, at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Belding on April 27, 1913 to Bert and Lena (Pennells) Hough.

Ronald was married to Avis L. DeLano on March 10, 1934 in Grand Rapids, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Hough retired from General Motors of Willow Run after 30 years of service. He was a resident of Bear Lake Township since 1974 when he moved from Fenton. Ronald was a life member of the Masonic Lodge #109 of Fenton and a member of the Community of Christ Church of Grayling. He also was a past trustee for Bear Lake Township.

Ronald loved his family, which included his friends at Hope Village who filled his last 4 1/2 years with love and contentment. "To know him is to love him."

Surviving Ronald are his children, James A. (Florence) Hough of Grayling and Marcia G. (Mike) Spitzley of Williamsburg; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Marjorie Cole of Traverse City, Mary Davis of Flint and Opal Hartman of Kalkaska.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 8 at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Elder Carol Stephan of the Community of Christ Church of Grayling officiated.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in behalf of Ronald C. Hough to the Community of Christ Church of Grayling, P.O. Box 1188, Grayling or to the Hope Village of Williamsburg, 4354 Hope Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690.

Arrangements by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

## Robert C. Bissonette

**Nov. 24, 1928 - March 6, 2003**  
Robert C. Bissonette, age 74, of Pontiac, died Thursday, March 6 in Pontiac. He was born in Grayling on November 24, 1928 to Ernest and Agnes (Wendt) Bissonette. He lived in the Grayling area for many years.

Robert worked in the tank plant at General Motors. He enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean War. He enjoyed drawing, painting, jigsaw puzzles and doing mechanical work.

Surviving Mr. Bissonette are his two loving sisters, twin sister Betty Sears of Davison and Patricia (Kenneth) Lynn of Burton; two sisters-in-law, Ellen Bissonette of California and Mary Bissonette; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Agnes Bissonette of Grayling; two brothers, Ernest J. Bissonette and Richard E. Bissonette; and brother-in-law, Jim Sears.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 10 at the Hill Funeral Home in Grand Blanc, Reverend Bill Poma officiated. A spring burial will be arranged at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Disabled Veterans, or VFW.

Arrangements by Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc.

## Lorraine Mae Helms

**March 6, 2003**

Lorraine Mae Helms, age 61, of Grayling, died Thursday, March 6.

Services were held on March 8, with burial at Oakview Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## In Memory of Ruby (Weaver) Alma 1909 - 2002

In loving memory of Ruby E. Alma. Loved and sadly missed by your husband and family.

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# OPINIONS

## Name 10 people you wouldn't miss if a victim of terrorism

To the editor,

For you people who think we Americans are too harsh with the terrorists and their friends who support and arm them, perhaps you should decide where your true values lie -- with your family, your friends, your country or with some political agenda of church or state.

Make a list of your family members or friends who you wouldn't miss or mourn if they were killed or maimed (just 10 names) and then send each of them a copy just to show your resolve in your cause.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sure Baghdad and the terrorists are happy for your attacks on Mr. Bush. I know the Democrats are. Have a nice day.

Richard D. L-Bulley  
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

## America: What a great country

To the editor,

I love America and here's why:

A country that would let anyone say what he or she wants anytime!

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A right to pray!

A freedom of choice!

A diversity of beliefs!

A choice of life!

A vote for any person and it really does count!

A person's right to disagree!

A people so diverse as to be the fiber of our great nation.

Just look skyward at our (first) great flag of blue, red and white, with 13 bars and the first 13 states in stars, and wonder after 200 years what better reason to look forward to a nation that looks to itself for rewards and never doubts in its people's individual rights.

I love America and am willing to die for our freedoms as one nation under God!

Rick Anderson  
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## Hospital offers help to incontinence sufferers

Involuntary loss of bladder control, or incontinence, is a condition that affects approximately 13 million Americans - men and women, young and old - every day.

Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation has launched a new urinary incontinence program to help patients living with this condition.

Incontinence is a symptom that can have a wide variety of causes, including bladder infection, obesity, pregnancy, childbirth, weak pelvic floor muscle, chronic illness or cough, constipation, medications, neuromuscular disorders, stress, smoking, caffeine, diet, and hormonal changes.

The first and most difficult step for many people is to discuss your problem with a health care professional. "This is a problem that a lot of people don't like to talk about," said Leanne Sterrett, Occupational Therapist, who

heads up the program at Mercy Hospital Grayling. "It's been shown that people sometimes live with this condition for seven years before discussing it with their physician."

A patient needs a thorough examination from their physician or health care provider who is knowledgeable about evaluating and treating incontinence. That will determine if a medical condition is causing the loss of bladder control. Then they will be ready for a referral to the hospital's Rehabilitation Department for an evaluation and an individualized treatment program developed by Sterrett.

There are two major types of urinary incontinence that can benefit from therapy. Stress incontinence is a sudden, involuntary loss of urine when you exercise or move in a certain way. Leakage is often caused by weak pelvic floor muscles.

Urge incontinence is leakage that occurs as soon as you get the urge to use the bathroom. This sensation can be overwhelming and your bladder muscle contracts at the wrong time.

"We stress patient education about the bladder and diet," said Sterrett. "But treatment can also include pelvic floor muscle strengthening, normal emptying techniques, bladder retraining, time schedule for urination, and use of EMG/biofeedback and electrical stimulation of the pelvic floor muscles."

Therapy programs have helped many people successfully decrease or eliminate their problem of incontinence. Treatment typically involves a total of six of eight sessions held every week or two.

"Patients need to know that they can do something about incontinence - that you do not have to just learn to live with it,"

said Sterrett. "Taking the first step can put them on the path to regaining bladder control."

For more information, please contact the Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation Department at (989) 348-0314.

## Powered wheelchairs available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens, age 65 years and older, and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call 1-800-246-6010 for more information to see if they qualify.

The Senior Wheels USA Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment.

If the patient does not meet all the requirements of the program, Senior Wheels USA may still be able to help them through its donation program, made available when people donate power wheelchairs they no longer need.

## Kirtland announces date for 10th Annual Warbler Festival

ROSCOMMON - The 10th annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival, a celebration of the comeback from near extinction by one of the world's rarest birds, has been set for May 17 at the college that stands as the songbird's namesake.

The day-long event on the beautiful campus of Kirtland Community College - in the heart of the jack pine forest the bird calls home from May to September - features a variety of activities, including two guided tours that give birders a rare glimpse of the warbler.

The festival attracts thousands annually. Last year, despite a cold day that began with snow flurries, nearly 2,000 people attended from as far away as Brazil and Canada and from 10

different states including Texas, Washington and Colorado.

"We're delighted that the Warbler Festival is being attended by serious birders from all across the country," said Jim Enger, Kirtland's marketing director and the chairman of the festival's organizing committee. "It's developing a reputation as one of the premier birding and nature events in the country, and it's giving our school the kind of national recognition that is so rare for a community college."

Last year, the festival began with the circling of a bald eagle hovering majestically over a pond near a group where about 40 birders had gathered for the 7 a.m. trek to the forest to see the warbler.

Events continue throughout

the day, sponsored by various agencies that are working together to preserve the Kirtland's Warbler and its ecosystem. They include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Many other activities, from a large, nature-oriented crafts show to children's events that include building birdhouses and feeders and fishing the well-stocked pond that drew the eagle's attention, were also part of the 2002 festival.

For more information about this year's Kirtland's Warbler Festival, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 266 or visit the website at: [www.kirtland.edu/warbler/](http://www.kirtland.edu/warbler/)



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## Governor's Service Awards need nominations

Every day, volunteers are making a real difference in communities all across the state of Michigan. The Governor's Service Awards recognize and celebrate the exemplary efforts of these volunteers.

Beginning in May, award winners and honorable mention recipients will be recognized monthly. The Governor's Service Awards winners will receive a plaque and Special Tribute from the Governor at a local ceremony. They will also be recognized on the MCSC (Michigan Community Service Commission) web site.

Four award categories have been developed to cover different types of volunteers:

- The Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteer service. The deadline for submission of nominations for the Romney Award is Friday, March 21, 2003. The Romney Award will be presented at the

Grantmakers/Grantseekers conference on May 20, 2003 in Lansing.

Additional Governor's Service Awards and honorable mentions for exemplary service are presented monthly to:

- Individuals - Recipients could be youth, adult or seniors who are giving back to their communities through mentoring or other volunteer activities; educators who are utilizing service-learning in the classroom or involving their students in mentoring or other community service activities; National Service program members such as RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions, AmeriCorps, and AmeriCorps\*VISTA. This category also includes individuals who, as part of their jobs, manage programs that provide service to the community.

- Families or Groups - Recipients could be families that volunteer together; employee groups; youth groups; adult service organizations; other formal or informal groups of people working together to make a dif-

ference.

- Organizations: Nonprofits, Faith-Based, Educational Institutions, Businesses - Recipients could be nonprofit or faith-based organizations whose volunteers are critical in achieving their mission; schools of any kind who are engaging in significant number of their students in service-learning and/or other volunteer activities such as mentoring, tutoring, neighborhood clean ups, etc.; National Service programs (AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Senior Corps); businesses and corporations who promote corporate citizenship in their business practices including employee volunteerism; media outlets who promote and support community service and volunteerism.

"Within the course of everyday life lie a thousand opportunities to give your life meaning through service to country and community... Answer the call, citizen patriots, answer it for your own soul that is made to care, to serve and to belong," said Governor Jennifer Granholm.

To receive a 2003 Governor's Service Awards Nomination form, visit the MCSC web site at [www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc), click on "Programs & Activities" in the left margin and then click on Governor's Service Awards; or contact Kathie Vasilion at (517) 373-4200.

Since Governor's Service Awards are given monthly, there are no nomination deadlines -- except for the Romney Award. Nominations for all other Governor's Service Awards may be submitted at any time.

The awards process is managed by the MCSC. All nominations will be screened by the MCSC staff.

A volunteer peer review panel meets quarterly to review nominations and select award winners and honorable mention recipients.

For those who have questions about the Governor's Service Awards program or need more information, contact Vasilion at the number stated above or e-mail: [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov).

## Company now provides ADLS Internet access

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## Local bottled water wins bronze medal at competition

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Avita Artesian Spring Water of Grayling won a bronze medal at the Thirteenth Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting held at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in February.

The water tasting contest involved more than 100 waters from across the country and around the globe. Watermaster Arthur von Wiesenberger, a noted expert from Santa Barbara California directed the challenge of evaluating a product where

tastelessness is the most sought after quality. This "granddaddy of water tastings" was divided into municipal water, non-carbonated bottled water and purified drinking water competitions.

Representatives from nine organizations around the world picked Avita as the bronze medal winner in the non-carbonated bottled water class. Avita with a total of 463 points, missed winning the gold medal by only four points.

The water is very low in mineral content, has a slightly alkaline

pH of 7.1 and was judged to have exceptional appearance and great taste.

Avita is bottled at a 200 acre private estate totally surrounded by the AuSable State Forest located between Roscommon and Grayling. Terry Maurer, of Grayling, is the owner and president of Avita.

Avita can be purchased at various locations throughout the county. It is also available throughout lower Michigan, and in Chicago, Washington D.C., New Jersey and California.

## Searching for Michigan's outstanding older worker, the oldest worker

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Michigan's most outstanding older worker for 2003.

Nominations are currently being solicited from businesses and individuals for workers at least 65 years of age who are residents of Michigan, currently employed and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. Workers who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

Nominations must include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the workplace, including

longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of his/her community involvement.

In addition to special activities and recognition within the state, the winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., September 30-October 5, for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events.

The visit will include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events and the gala awards banquet and ceremony on October 4 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

The Outstanding Older Worker will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events.

The deadline for nominations

is close of business, Friday, May 23. It is not a postmark deadline.

A committee of business and civic leaders will evaluate the nominations. The winner will be announced no later than Monday, June 2.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, P.O. Box 465, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0465, or call (989) 772-5308 or 800-772-5550. Entries may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (989) 773-1421, or e-mailed to joe\_fortmann@experience-works.org.

The search for America's Oldest Worker for 2003 is also under way. All of the past winners have been over 100 years old and working almost full time at their professions. Nominations can be made via the Internet at [www.experience-works.org](http://www.experience-works.org) or contact the state office at the above address or phone number.

## KCC to offer grant writing course

Kirtland Community College is offering a new grant writing course, available online starting this summer.

Kirtland is also providing scholarships to be used by some students and non-profit organizations, the college's business department has announced.

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Please fill out the form and return to the Avalanche with your photo.

Any questions please call Linda Golnick at the Crawford County Avalanche at (989) 348-6811.

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Led by their science teacher, Judi Mesack (left), Grayling Middle School eighth grade students participated in an essay contest sponsored by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA). Top winners were, from left: Mike Cole (3rd Place), Scot Olson (1st Place) and Doug Slater (2nd Place).

## Students write about protecting AuSable

Seventy-five students at Grayling Middle School (GMS) recently participated in an essay contest sponsored by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA). The success of this project hinged on the exceptional dedication and work of GMS teacher, Judi Mesack, and her eighth

grade science students.

The contest encouraged participants to write on any of several subject areas: the influence of environmental factors on the AuSable River, the river water quality, the river as a multi-recreational resource, the river's affects on the local economy, or the history and future of our wonderful river resource.

The ARSPOA Board of Directors considered the essays outstanding and far beyond their expectations for the depth of thought, knowledge, research, consideration, and writing abilities of these eighth graders. Several of the essays will be published in the ARSPOA newsletter sent to hundreds of local property owners.

The ARSPOA Board of Directors awarded over \$600 in

prizes and acknowledgements to the participants in the contest. The three top prize winners were Scot Olson, Doug Slater, and Mike Cole, respectively. They received \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds as prizes. Another top 12 writers received awards of \$10 each, and the remaining students each received \$5.

All students received a personalized certificate acknowledging their participation and their efforts.

The ARSPOA will be awarding a commemorative plaque to Grayling Middle School to acknowledge the work that Mesack and her students have done to understand and protect the AuSable River. The ARSPOA Board hopes the contest will continue as an annual event.

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## Three bills to help reduce prescription drug prices for all

Building on the strong bipartisan support shown in the U.S. Senate for prescription drug reform last summer, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and other senators reintroduced legislation that makes a three-pronged attack on the rising drug prices faced by all Americans.

"The 78-21 vote recorded in the Senate on July 31 made clear that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle recognize the crisis faced by seniors, businesses and other consumers in trying to deal with skyrocketing prescription drug prices," Stabenow said. "We are reintroducing the key portions of that legislation in the belief that it once again will be passed in the Senate and that it will be taken up for consideration in the U.S. House."

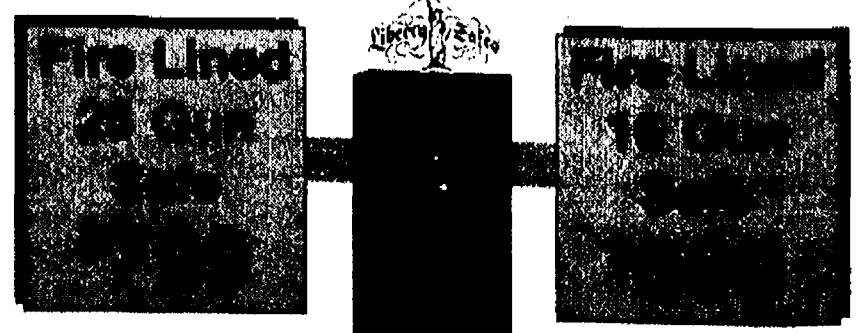
Stabenow's bill, the "Rx Flexibility for States Act" one of

three rolled out March 5 at a press event in the U.S. Capitol, is a reprise of her 2002 legislative language approved by the Senate last year. The bill would permit states to extend Medicaid rebates and discounts for prescription drugs to non-Medicaid eligible persons.

A second piece of legislation would allow U.S. residents to import up to a 90-day supply of prescription drugs from Canada for their own use, and it would allow U.S.-licensed pharmacists and drug wholesalers to import FDA-approved drugs from Canada for resale.

The third bill would streamline the process of bringing lower-priced generic drugs to market by removing some of the tools used by brand-name manufacturers to block or stall the market appearance of a generic brand.

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Area Girl Scouts recently held their Investiture Ceremony, giving current Girl Scouts a chance to re-dedicate themselves to the Girl Scout beliefs and formally welcoming new Girl Scouts to the world of scouting. The number of Girl Scouts in Crawford County has doubled this year to 90 registered Girl Scouts (five new troops). A Daisy Girl Scout troop is now being formed. Daisy Girl Scouts are opened to all kindergartners as a social introduction and preparation for Brownie Girl Scouts. Any kindergartner interested or anyone interested in volunteering in Girl Scouts may call Denise Riehle, Service Unit Manager at 348-2177 for more information.



Troop #2589; Leaders - Shelly Adamski & Pam Miller, (pictured) - Mara Adamski, Alex Case, Mikaela Ashton



Troop #2311; Leaders - Theresa Tritant & Denise Riehle, (pictured) - Brooke Forbes, Melissa West, Tabitha Pelkey, Sarah Miller, Marie Miller, Kara Holland, Bridget Riehle, (not-pictured) - Kayla Bendig, Samantha Messerschmidt, Talia Piper, Casey Petrosky



Troop #2458; Leaders - Angie Pickell, & Bonnie McLeod (not-pictured) L to R - Jessica Pickell, Patty Denno, Johana McGinnis, Chelsea Hermann, (not-pictured) - Allie Barber, Jane Moore, Savannah Foguth, Destinee McLeod, Kayla White



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Troop #2592; Danielle Dami, Emma Burke, Caitlin Prosser, Katie Vradenburg, Cassie Howelle, Felicia Randau, (not-pictured) Olivia Dikin, and Leaders (not-pictured) - Cheryl Postma, and Robert Dikin



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Not-Pictured Troop #2590; Leader: Michele McGinnis, Co-leader: Shannon Forbes, Brownie Members: Kaitlin Adamski, Myrissa Kuhn, Paige Lobsinger, Meagan Mackie, Brianna McGinnis, Tegan Pillaro, Tianna Pillaro, Ashley Williams, Alexandra Beaudoux, and Jordin Grigsby



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## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Grayling Middle School seventh grade students from the Nama/Packard/Hamlin team presented an oral report on famous black people, in honor of Black History month, to Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third and all fourth and fifth grade classes at Grayling Elementary School.

Mrs. Lori Fox and Mrs. Suzanne Williams 2/3 multi-age class had another tag reward party. Students who removed less than 50 tags in the marking period were rewarded with lunch, supplied by their teachers, and a sledding party out on the big hill on the playground.

Mrs. Lori Patterson/Mrs. Kathee Sheldon's first grade class had a guest speaker for Dental Health month. Mrs. Ann Malm brought in large models of teeth and a big toothbrush to demonstrate the proper way to brush teeth. The students all brushed their own teeth, then chewed a disclosing tablet to show the spots missed in brushing. The students then brushed their teeth again to make sure they brushed thoroughly.

Along with learning proper brushing, the class did an experiment with eggs in glasses of

soda, which showed how food and drinks could stain teeth or cause cavities.

AuSable Primary handed out Box Tops for Education coloring pages to be taken home and colored. Students who brought back their page with two box tops received a prize from Mrs. Mick. Six hundred forty-seven box tops were turned in.

March is National Reading Month and each classroom is celebrating with a challenge. The theme for the month at AP is Pioneers. Come in and see the covered wagon in the lobby and look for the calendar packed with pioneer theme activities.

Mrs. Pam Alexander and Mrs. Cheryl Hatfield's first grade classes will be having a variety of guest readers for the month.

Mrs. Kelly Moffit's second grade class will have two contests during the month. One contest will see who can read the most books at home for the month. The other contest will be to see who can watch the least amount of television during the month. The winners of each contest will win a pizza dinner with Mrs. Moffit and a

friend.

Reading Across America is the theme in 2/3 multi-age class of Mrs. Lori Fox and Mrs. Suzanne Williams. The students are challenged to read as many books as they can in order to "pass through" the states marked on a U.S. map. The students will begin on the east coast and move their covered wagons through the marked states to the west coast.

Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third grade class will have a race called the Iditarod. The Alaska Iditarod dog sled race began March 1 and each student chose a musher to follow. They will check the progress of their musher and will also be learning about Alaska and arctic animals during the month.

The Iditarod allows the student to move their musher two miles along the course for every page of a chapter book they read.

Students that read all 1,049 pages in the month will have a special celebration and an award, just like the real race.

Melissa Eckstorm was the Safety Patrol Student for the month of January.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

March:

12 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Craft Class at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30;

Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m.; White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

13 - Herbed Chicken/Fish; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Pork Chops/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

17 - Hamburger and Cheese Pasta/Baked Chicken; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; COA Meeting of the whole at 3 p.m.; COA Board

Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Stuffed Cabbage/Broiled Cod; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.

19 - Swiss Steak/Beef Chop Suey; Hearing Clinic by Appointment at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m., CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: Positive thoughts, prayers and love are with you each day through...

## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for February, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

David Michael Greer, age 31 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree - Forced, Habitual Offender - 4th Conviction; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, 144 to 240 months in prison.

Dean James Walsh, age 36 of Frederic - Probation violation; 23 to 60 months in prison with credit for 202 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, and \$500 penal fine as condition of parole.

Sean Michael Fulger, age 30 of Lake - Operating - OUIL/per se 3rd Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for one day served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive residential substance abuse treatment, forfeiture or immobilization of vehicle used in the offense, and ordered to perform 60 days community service.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Eric Alan Atkins, age 27 of

Roscommon - Home Invasion - 2nd Degree; 30 to 180 months in prison with credit for 165 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee.

Frank Mason Bryant, age 44 of Grayling - Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree with a Victim between the ages of 13 and 16 years; 60 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$50 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA Assessment Fee, \$300 court costs, \$250 fine, placed on 24 months probation.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 12 - 18, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 12 - 13, March 18.

Small arms ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek on March 15 - 18.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements

beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 61 complaints the week of March 3-9:

Eighteen traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic violations (civil infraction), three civil matter dispute - family trou-

ble, five suspicious situations, 11 general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, two larceny, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one family offense/abuse/ neglect, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under influence of

alcohol, one health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, four driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 52 complaints during the period from March 2 - 9:

One misdemeanor citation, two misdemeanor arrests, one

property damage, one civil infraction, one private property accident,

Six traffic accidents, one fire response, two disturbing the peace, one city ordinance violation, one liquor law violation,

one breaking and entering, two juvenile complaints, four larcenies,

Two alarms, four traffic warnings, two suspicious situations, three assist other departments and 17 unclassified.



## GHS grad exhibits artwork at Grand Valley



Lindsay Porter, a Grand Valley State University (GVSU) junior majoring in Illustration, exhibited her artwork at the Winter 2003 Art Reception, sponsored by the Grand Valley Women's Center on February 18. Porter, a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School, was featured along with other chosen female art students. Her woodcut prints, entitled, "Growth" and "Moving Target" were displayed as part of an afternoon reception. Both prints were chosen from the Art Department as works created by young women. Her work will be housed in the Kirkhoff Center at GVSU for one year, and then offered for public sale, a spokesman said. Lindsay is the daughter of Lynn Caudy-Nally and Robert Porter.

## Teachers expected to parent but judged solely on academics

Michigan residents expect school teachers to discipline, impart values, protect students and serve as mediators between students and parents, according to a recent poll of 700 Michigan adults.

But, when it comes to their performance, teachers are judged on how well they teach reading, writing, math and science, the poll showed.

"We understand and accept that the schools must pick up many traditional roles previously done by parents," said Lu Battaglieri, president of the 167,000-member Michigan Education Association (MEA). "But we cannot forget that teaching academics is our primary job. We are judged, compared and ranked on how well we do that task."

The poll was commissioned by the MEA as part of a routine effort to gauge public opinion on education issues in the state. The

margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Overwhelmingly, the poll showed that Michigan residents expect teachers to provide students with guidance and instruction in areas traditionally done by parents. Among the expectations are:

- 85 percent-how to be a good citizen, be responsible, trustworthy and keep commitments;
- 83 percent-teach the difference between right and wrong;
- 79 percent-teach respect for others;
- 76 percent-help students build character, teaching honesty and trust;
- 76 percent-act as a mediator between student and parent.

And yet, when asked what are the hallmarks of a quality education, the public ranks good basics and good teachers at the top of the list.

Battaglieri said the MEAP tests and other high stakes tests

grade schools only on their performance of specific academic skills.

"There is no doubt that discipline, character and safety are essential to ensure that students learn academic skills, and become productive members of our community," Battaglieri said.

"But teachers cannot single-handedly raise, protect and educate our children. We need parents, law enforcement and the entire community to share responsibility and work with us."

The poll also showed that 30 percent of the respondents felt the lack of money was the number one problem facing their local public schools, while the second biggest problem cited was class size, which was selected by six percent.

Forty percent of the respondents put great importance on increasing student achievement on the MEAP and other standardized tests, while 15 percent put great importance on expanding charter schools.

## HONORS

### Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College has honored 61 students representing 22 communities around the state on its President's List and another 105 students from 30 communities on its Dean's List for their academic excellence during the fall semester.

To qualify for the President's List, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's List candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

Included on the President's List are: from Grayling - Jonathan DeVries, Bruce Feldhauser, Jennie Hubbard, Martin Kroell, Michele McGinnis, Lawrence Nielson, Kelli Passino, Brandy Ritter, Denae Southworth; from Roscommon - Dane Booth, Kimberly Betts, Phillip Collins,

Ramona Freese, Karis Heacock, Christopher Kuenzer, Andrew Larsen, Jennifer Marshall, Debra McReynolds, Samantha Seratt.

Included on the Dean's List are: from Frederic - Annie Henion, Shelley Pinkelman; from Grayling: Sheryl Bidwell, Aaron Biroth, Levi Burkett, Shalee Cox, Rita Gierl, Thomas Harmon, Elizabeth Hellebuyck, Stacie Mead, Margaret Nephew, Annette Nettleton, Emma Savage, Jeffrey Savage, Arica Wolcott; from Roscommon: Tyler Cady, Desiree Collier, Robert Crandall, Asleigh Donaldson, Angela Janisse, Lawrence Kahsin, Randall McClelland, Angela McGillis, Jamie Parkey, Jacklyn Riley, Kristen Stanbaugh, Rebecca Stinehour, Patrick Tingstad, Jamesina Vettraino, Ronald Watson Jr., Steven Webb, Amanda Zuker.

## BIRTHS

Bennette Dannyell Sanderson was born March 3, 2003 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 19-1/2 inches long at birth.

Welcoming Bennette to the world are her parents Bambi

Mansfield and Dan Sanderson, and her brother Dakota Mansfield, all of Grayling.

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## March is American Red Cross Month

### Armed Forces Emergency Services and Camp Grayling

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Providing the communications link between service members and their families during family emergencies is the second required service of the American Red Cross. In 1905 the United States Congress identified the American Red Cross as the responsible agency to handle family emergency communications, even though the Red Cross is not a government agency and receives no funds to implement this program.

Local Red Cross volunteer Ralph Krolczyk is there to help when an Armed Forces service member has a family emergency. As a trained caseworker, Ralph is ready to take calls that will be forwarded to the service person.

"It is hard to deal with the fact that a family member will be separated for a long time, even when 'all is well', but when there is a serious family emergency, having the Red Cross available to assist makes managing the emergency a lot easier. I am pleased to help out in a small way under such circumstances", stated Ralph.

As a volunteer caseworker, Ralph and his fellow volunteers receive calls from military families needing help. Often, it is due to a death in a family or other serious illness. Ralph takes the information related to the emergency, and gathers contact information about the service member. Next, he must verify the information given before the mes-

sage is forwarded through the military. This verification step is invaluable to the military. The message is delivered to the service member's commanding officer, which will determine if the service member can be released to go home for the emergency.

The caseload for such messages has increased by 25% since July 2002, as the troop deployments have risen.

During the summer months when Camp Grayling is bustling with training troops, the Red Cross has an office at Camp Grayling to process messages for the National Guard troops. The caseworker volunteers have an 'efficiency apartment' along with an office. Coverage is 24 hours a day while troops are in training.

A core of nine area volunteers provides this service during the summer. "Our local volunteers have gotten much more involved at Camp Grayling. The caseworkers enjoy helping our National Guard members by taking these messages. Some days are very busy all day, and then other times are very quiet. There is no way to anticipate the workload since we are responding to external circumstances," explains Krolczyk.

Last summer over 120 messages were processed at Camp Grayling. If you would like to become an Armed Forces caseworker, please contact the Red Cross at 732-7161 or 800 691-6059.



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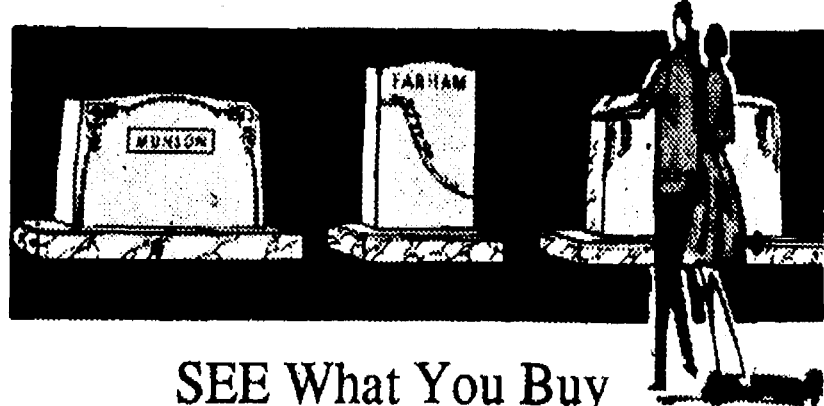
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## Houghton Lake senior named 3rd runner-up in recent Junior Miss state competition

► \$9,100 in cash scholarships awarded at last weekend's event

Twenty-two senior high school girls from across Michigan competed for a share of \$9,100 in college scholarships Saturday evening at Alpena High School's Stanley C. Beck Auditorium in Alpena. A Houghton Lake Senior was chosen third runner-up in the competition.

Wayne/Westland's Junior Miss Ashley Baracy walked away with the title of Michigan's

Junior Miss 2003 and \$3,600 in cash scholarships.

In addition to winning the title, Baracy won a \$550 talent award and a \$550 fitness award. She will go on to compete in the America's Junior Miss National Finals in Mobile, Alabama in June, where she will have the opportunity to win a share of more than \$175,000 in cash scholarships.

The first runner-up, Thunder Bay's Junior Miss Kelly Borchert received a \$1,300 cash scholarship. Clarkston's Junior Miss Sarah McChaffey, was the second runner-up, receiving an \$850 cash scholarship.

The third runner-up, Houghton Lake's Junior Miss

Elise Jury received a \$650 cash scholarship. Huron Shores' Junior Miss Jamie Adams, was the fourth runner-up, receiving a \$550 cash scholarship.

The overall scholastics winners were Waterford's Junior Miss Erin Nolan and Thunder Bay's Junior Miss Kelly Borchert. Each received a \$600 scholarship award.

The overall poise winner was Elise Jury, Houghton Lake's Junior Miss. She received a \$550 scholarship award.

A special award was presented to Chelsea Lamberg, Livonia's Junior Miss. She received the \$400 spirit award for best exemplifying the spirit of Junior Miss.

For more information on America's Junior Miss, please contact Leslie Powell, Public Relations Director, at (251) 438-3621, (800) 256-5435, [leslie@ajm.org](mailto:leslie@ajm.org) or visit the AJM Web Site at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).

## Senate says no to use of 900 numbers; bill now goes to State House

LANSING — 36th District State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) said a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, passed the full Senate with a unanimous vote.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, have been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

"Public information should be free of charge to hard-working, tax-paying citizens," Stamas said. "I am happy my colleagues unanimously agreed that the state should no longer collect this type of income from Michigan's residents."

Senate Bill 180 will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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Josh Mueller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Mueller of Grayling, has won a \$500 scholarship grant from Vector Marketing Corporation for finishing ninth among national student sales representatives during the fall semester.

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## Overtime loss ends Grayling's season

► Grayling falls to Roscommon 66-63 in first round of play-offs

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost to Roscommon 66-63 in overtime last Monday in a District Tournament game at Cheboygan High School, ending Grayling's season.

The Vikings led the Bucks 29-19 at halftime, but Roscommon rallied for a 22-10 third quarter. Grayling had a chance to win the game in regulation, but missed the last shot of the fourth quarter, leaving the contest locked in a 59-59 tie. In overtime, the Vikings had opportunities down the stretch but couldn't convert.

It was a back-and-forth game all the way through.

Grayling scored the first two baskets of the game — a shot inside by Adam Kaiser and a lay-up by Gibson Tobin — to lead 4-0 early in the first quarter. A 7-0 run by Roscommon gave the Bucks a 7-4 advantage. A drive by Kaiser and a jump shot by Roy Czapek put the Vikings up by one.

The Bucks scored the last five points of the first quarter to lead 12-8 going into the second period. The Vikings had trouble finishing shots for much of the first eight minutes of play.

GHS opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run, which included drives by Tobin and Kaiser, a shot inside by Roger Alvarez, and a jumper by Tobin. Roscommon broke its three-minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws. A jumper by Andy Strohpaal and a triple by Travis Helsel put Grayling up 21-14.

With a triple by Alvarez, a jumper by Strohpaal, and free throws by Strohpaal and Tobin, Grayling led 29-19 at halftime.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 22-10 in the third period. Roscommon got its perimeter shooting game going, and it accounted for four three-pointers in the quarter.

Grayling scored its 10 third quarter points on two jumpers by Czapek and free throws by Kaiser, Joe Lange, and Tobin.

A put-back by Roscommon gave the Bucks a four-point lead. A put-back by Tobin cut it back to two. Two jumpers by the Bucks put RHS ahead by six, 47-41. A lay-up by Tobin pulled GHS back within four.

A shot inside by Kaiser and two free throws by Alvarez pulled Grayling to within two. A lay-up by the Bucks put their advantage back at four.

A shot inside by Helsel, a jumper by Tobin, and a triple by Tobin gave Grayling a 54-52 lead. A jumper by Roscommon tied the game at 54-54 with 3:39 left in regulation.

A jump shot by Kaiser put the Vikings back up by two. A shot inside by the Bucks tied the score at 56-56. A shot inside by Czapek on a pass from Tobin gave GHS a two-point edge.

A free throw by Roscommon left Grayling's lead at one, 58-57. Roscommon fouled, and Grayling missed both free throw shots.

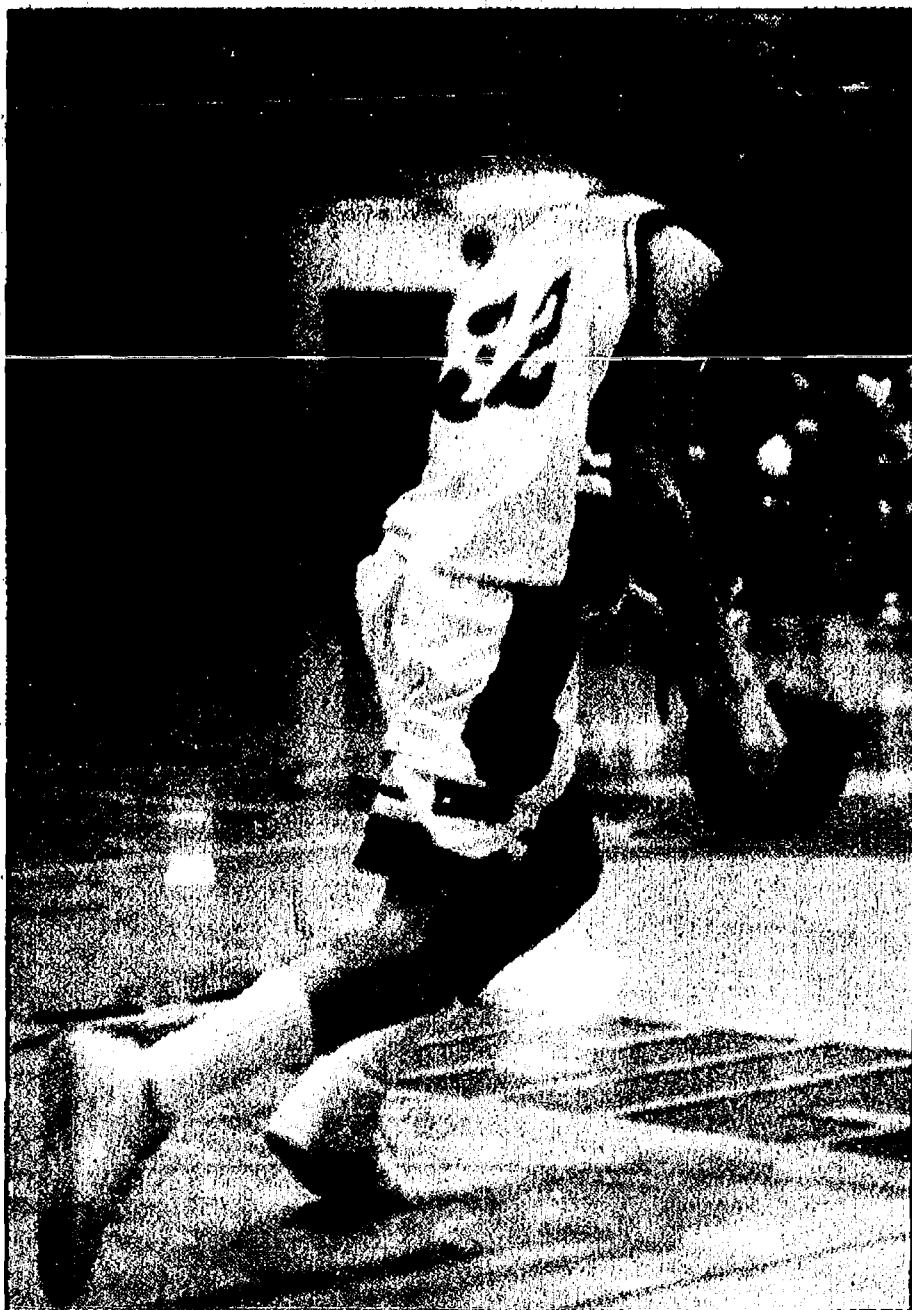
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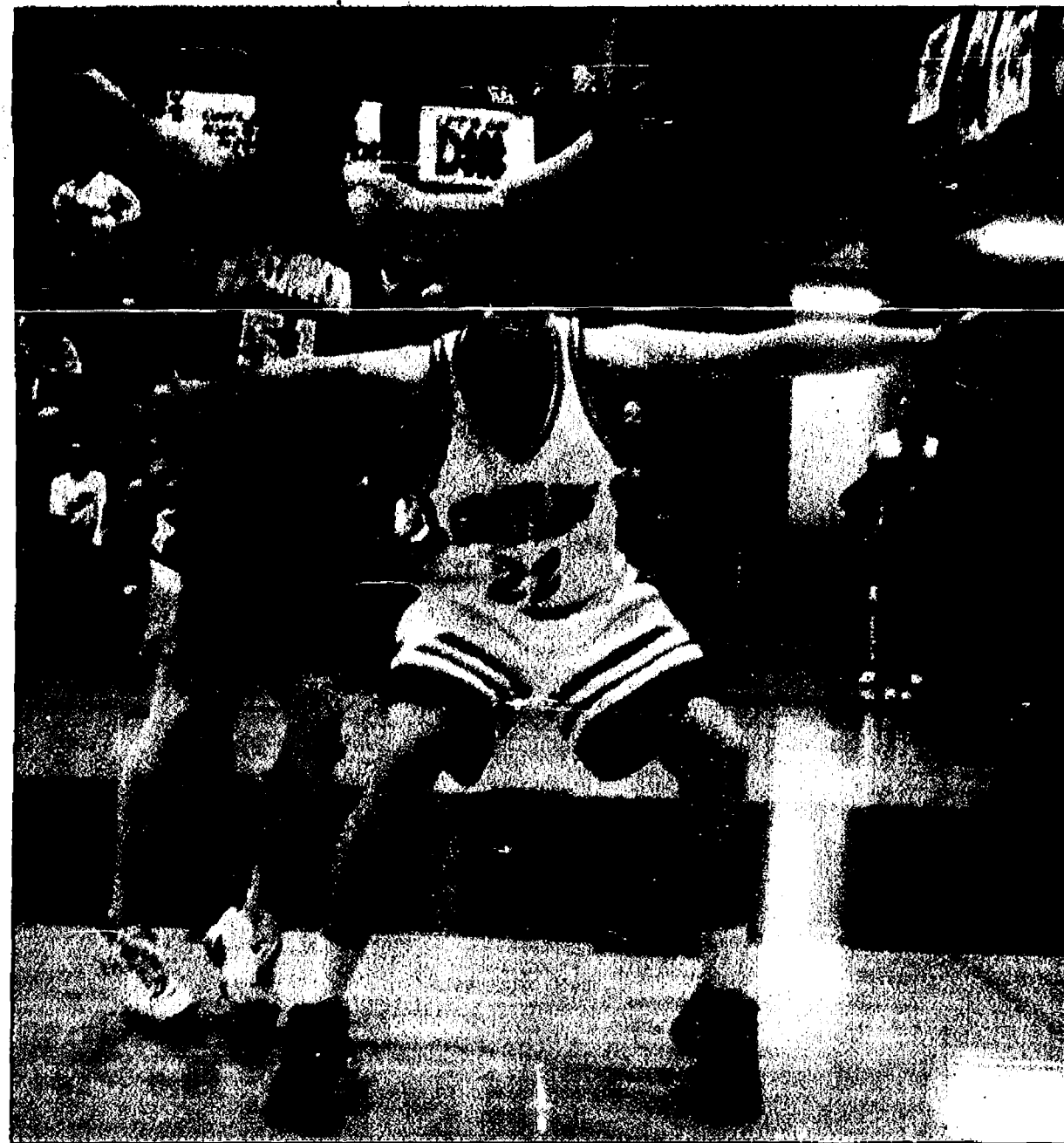


Photos by Caleb Casey

The Vikings gather during a time-out near the end of last Monday's District game against Roscommon at Cheboygan.



Adam Kaiser, senior guard, handles the ball for Grayling in last week's District contest vs. Roscommon.




Roy Czapek posts up in the match against the Roscommon Bucks at Cheboygan on Monday.



Vikings fans cheer for their team late in the game on Monday night at Cheboygan High School.





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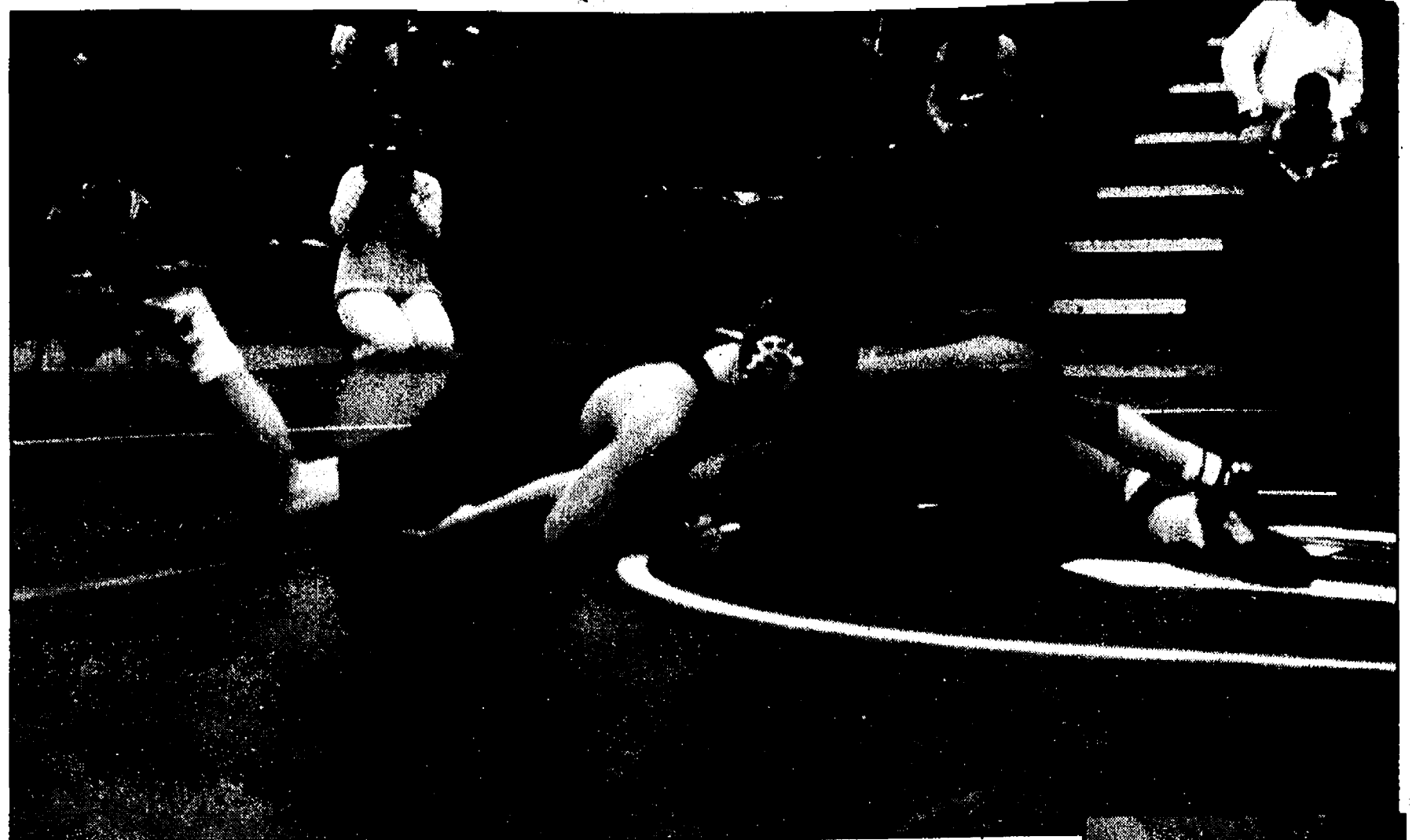
You may have a favorite sport that helps you fill this need. But if you can't play often enough, or if the sport doesn't give you enough of a workout to maintain good muscle tone, it should be supplemented with exercise. Take golf, for example. In days of yore, golfers used to walk the full 18 holes. Now, many golfers "ride and play," using electric golf carts to carry them to the ball.

There are many simple exercises that can help you maintain good muscle tone. Sit-ups, push-ups, side twists, and neck rotations can be helpful. But don't try to over-achieve. Perform with moderation and gradually build up your stamina.

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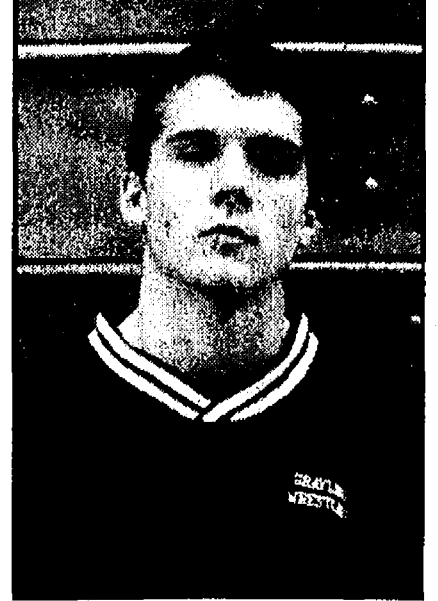
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Brandon Pratt  
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## GHS wrestler places 6th at State

► Brandon Pratt  
earns 26th State  
Finals medal for  
Grayling HS

GHS wrestler Brandon Pratt (171) brought home Grayling High School's 26th state wrestling medal by finishing 6th in his weight class at the State Wrestling Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills this past weekend.

Pratt was one of two GHS wrestlers to qualify for the State Finals this year. Dusty Partello (152), a junior, was the other.

Michigan's state wrestling meet is the largest high school wrestling championships in the nation. Over 40,000 fans attended this year's finals.

In his first match of the tournament, Pratt faced Jeff O'Mara of Goodrich, son of former GHS wrestler Dennis O'Mara. (O'Mara won the match by decision, 4-2, and went on to place 2nd.)

Pratt went on to place 6th in the 171-pound weight class. He finished the season with a 44-11 overall win/loss record.

Partello came down with the flu on the first day of the competition and did not place high enough to win a state medal.

"Dusty showed a lot of courage and gave it his very best to compete, but couldn't give 100 percent," said Don Ferguson, GHS wrestling coach. "Dusty is a junior this year, so he will have another chance at the title next year."

"Both Brandon and Dusty represented Grayling with outstanding sportsmanship and showed a lot of class," Coach Ferguson said. "You will see a lot more of these two fine athletes next year."

Ferguson said the wrestling team got good support from the parents, school administrators, teachers, and students this year. He also acknowledged donations made by Holiday Inn (lunch), Glen's Market (fruit baskets), and 7-11 (water).

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**Spike's, the Over-30 Men's Basketball League champions: (front) the Patterson boys, team managers; (middle, left to right) Jon Thompson, Joe Pete Thompson, Scott Meyers, Jim Gardiner; (back, left to right) Tom Gardiner, Derrick Smitz, Mark Church Jr., Rodney Patterson; (not pictured) M.J. Ewald, Brian Royce, Mark Church Sr., Mike Hoffman.**

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High Game: C. Yost, 242; A. Angove, 237; J. Helsel, 224.

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South Side River Rats . . 31 - 13  
Avalanche . . . 28 - 16  
Rochette's . . . 27 - 17  
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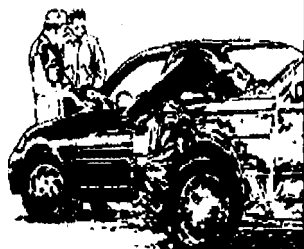
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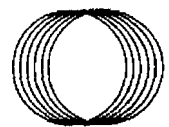
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## Overtime loss ends Grayling's season

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Roscommon tried a three-pointer, missed, and Lange grabbed the rebound. On Grayling's resulting possession, the Vikings were called for a foul at their offensive end of the court.

The Bucks went to the line for a one-and-one free throw chance, and missed. Helsel came down with the rebound. Grayling turned the ball over with about a minute left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling knocked the ball loose and Lange saved the ball from going out of bounds, getting it in to Kaiser. Kaiser dished to Tobin, and Roscommon fouled to stop the clock. With 30 seconds left, Tobin hit one of two free throws. Grayling led 59-57.

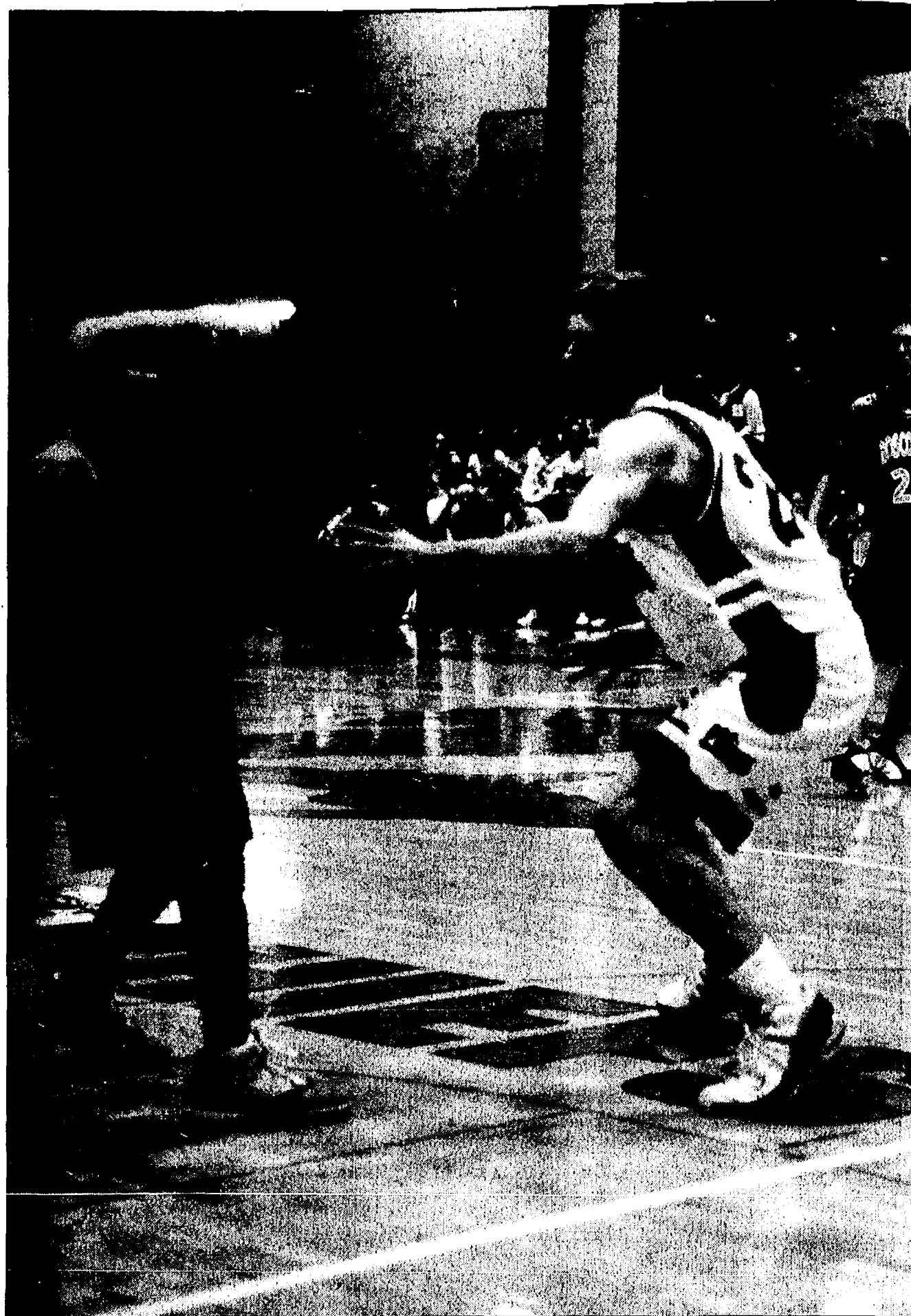
Roscommon scored a shot inside with 14 seconds left in regulation, tying the game at 59-59.

The Vikings got the ball in and across half-court, then called a time-out. Grayling got the ball in and got off a three-point shot, but it missed and the clock expired. The contest headed into a four-minute overtime period.

Grayling scored first in overtime on a drive by Kaiser. Roscommon tied the score with a jump shot. Another drive by Kaiser gave GHS a two-point edge. A pair of free throws by Roscommon tied the score at 63-63. The Bucks got the ball back and converted for two.

Grayling tried for three and missed. Grayling's defense held the Bucks on their end of the court and Roscommon was whistled for a 10-second violation.

The Vikings were called for another foul away from the ball while working on their offensive end of the court. Roscommon missed both of the resulting free throws, leaving the RHS lead at 65-63. Helsel grabbed the rebound on the second miss.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Andy Strohpaal plays defense at the perimeter in last week's District match-up vs. Roscommon at Cheboygan High School.**

The Vikings missed a jump shot and Roscommon came away with the ball. Grayling fouled to stop the clock. The Bucks hit one of two free throws, to lead by three, 66-63, with 23 seconds left in the game.

The Vikings shot a potential game-tying triple, and missed. Roscommon rebounded, and that was it.

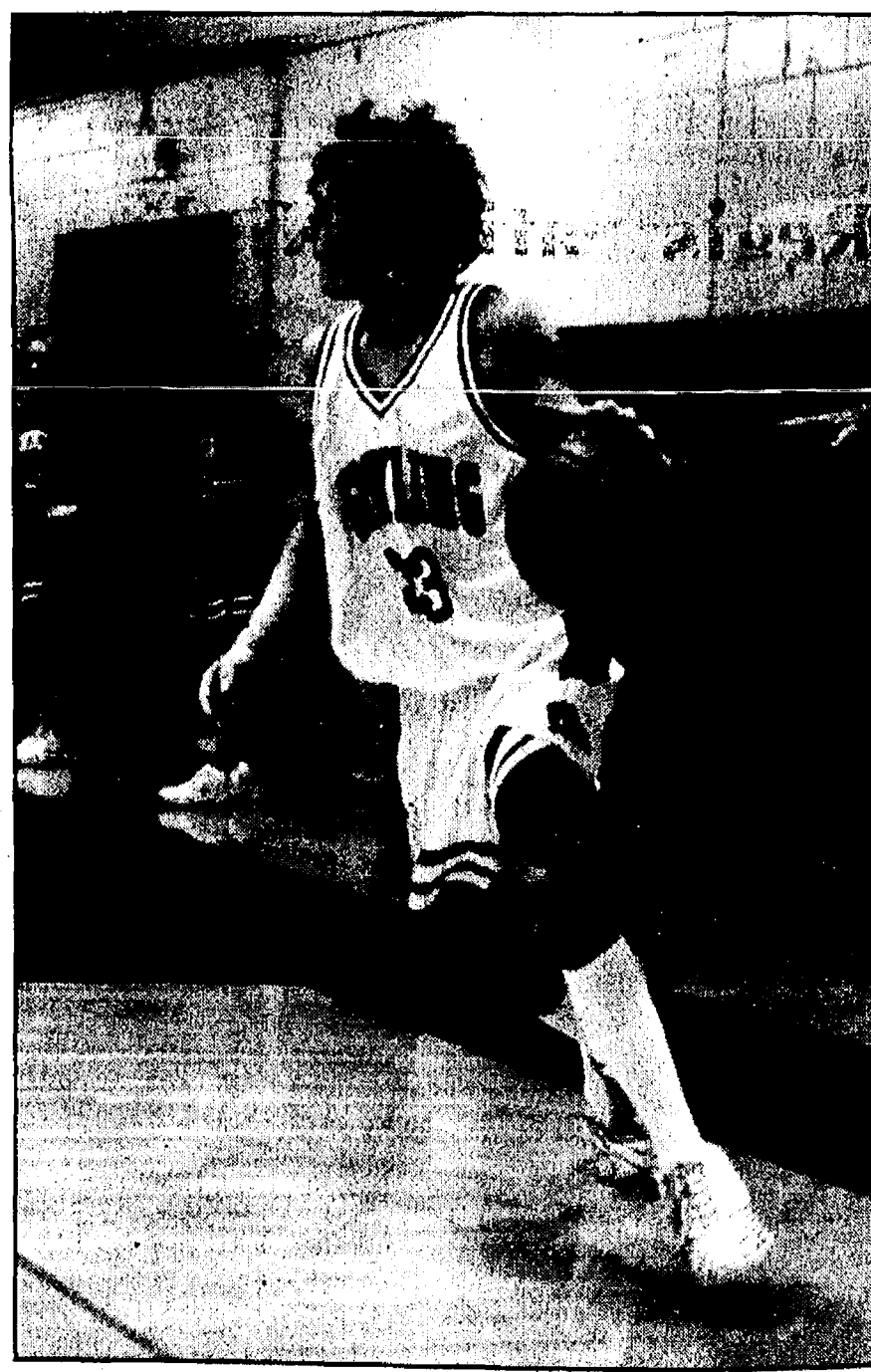
The Bucks won 66-63, knocking Grayling out of the play-offs.

"This was a frustrating loss for our team," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Missed lay-ups, missed free throws, not executing a key play - it was just tough to watch. We had done those things in our prior game vs. Roscommon."

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling in the match with a game-high 21 points. Kaiser finished with 15 points.

Now, the team - a young group with just three seniors (only one of whom is a starter) - is looking ahead to next season.

"We surprised people this year and won the NEMC," Coach Moffit said. "We need to improve during the off-season. Our new league (the Lake Michigan Conference) will be a big challenge for us next year."



Gibson Tobin dribbles the ball at the baseline in Monday night's District game.

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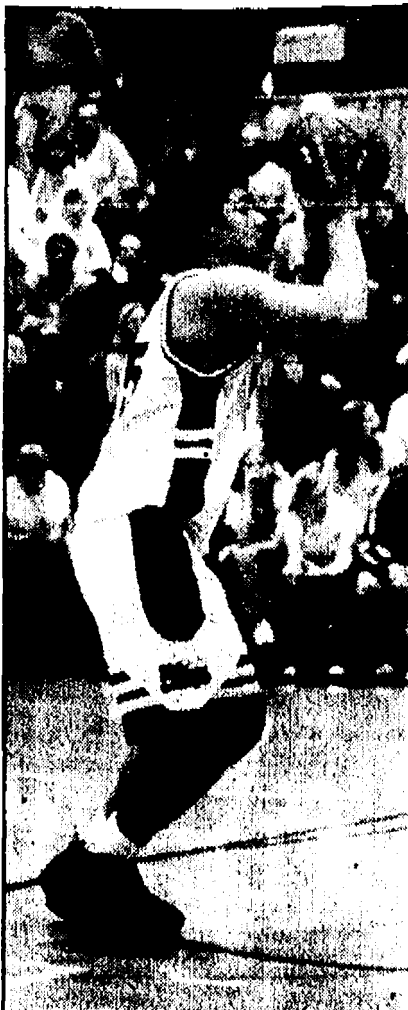
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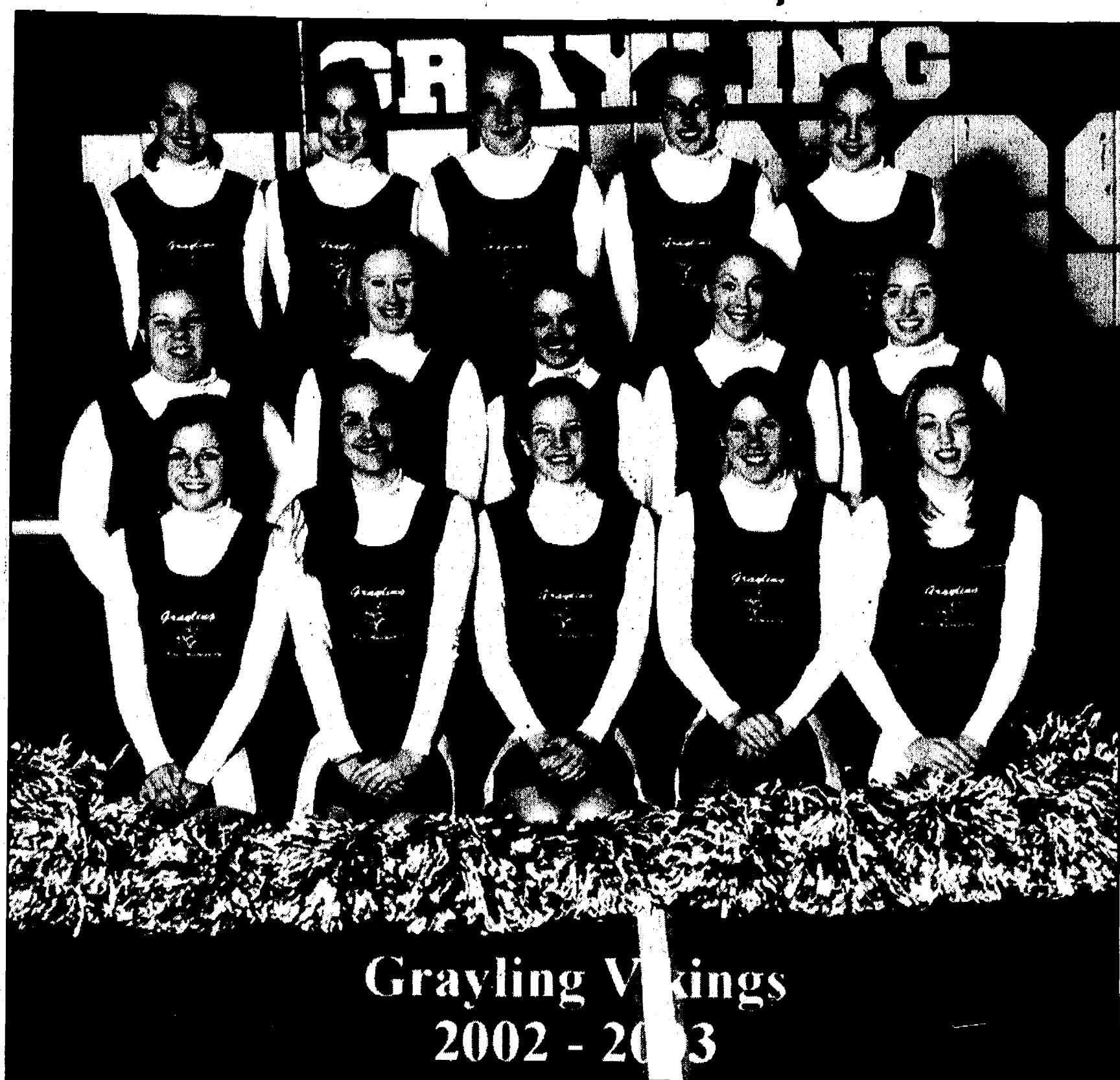
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Roger Alvarez sets up for a jump shot on Monday night.



## GRA Pom Pon Squad



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The Grayling Recreation Authority pom pon squad, which performs halftime dance routines at several Grayling High School varsity boys basketball games throughout the season, recently finished its 2002-03 campaign. The squad includes: (front, left to right) Jaimi Drudge, Tracy Parkinson, Kim Mitchell, Andi Holzbauer, Lexi Bondar; (middle, left to right) Arrow Francisco, Ashley Bancroft, Stacy Brown, Christina Strait, Janelle Gregorich; (back, left to right) Kim Long, Jamie Pinkelman, Megan Fekete, Shayla Moore, Jenny Long. Not pictured: Tracy Lewis, Chelsea Green, Nicole Reyes, Coaches Candi Taylor, Nicole Larm, Judy Long, and Karen Wyskiel.

## Little League to host Registration Night

► Sign-up event to be held on March 25 at Holiday Inn

Grayling Little League will be accepting player sign-ups at its upcoming Player Registration Night, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

To register for little league baseball or softball players should bring a copy of their birth certificate and registration fee to Player Registration Night on March 25. Players who sign up at this event will be eligible for door prizes.

Players must be at least seven years old on July 31, 2003 to be eligible to play. Grayling Little League offers four divisions of baseball and a girls softball league (divisions based on enrollment).

Registration fee is \$25 per player (with a max of \$50 per family) and each player is responsible for a \$20 fund-raising fee for Home Run Cards. The cards, which offer discounts at area businesses, can be sold for \$10 each to eliminate this fee.

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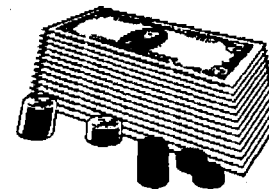
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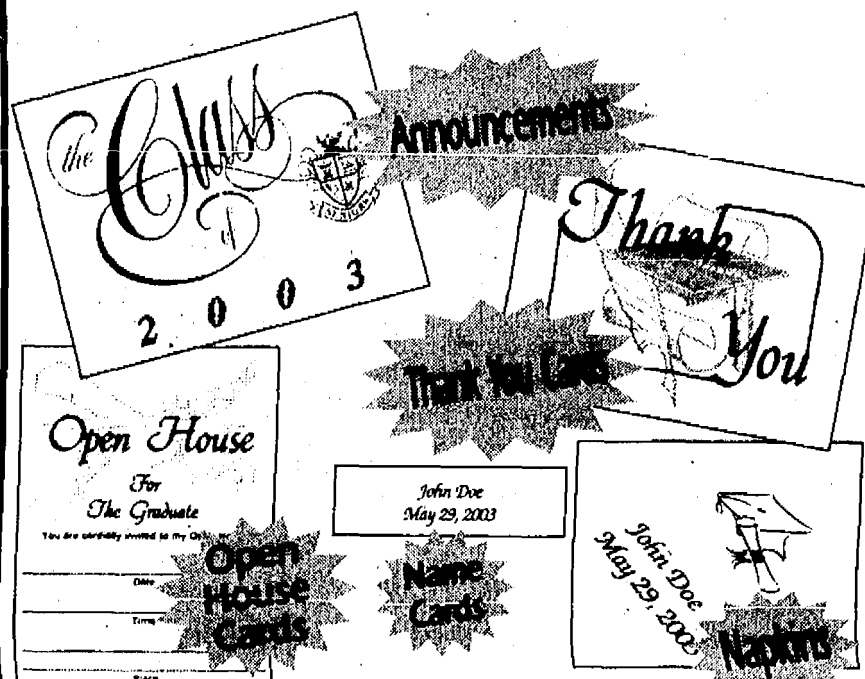
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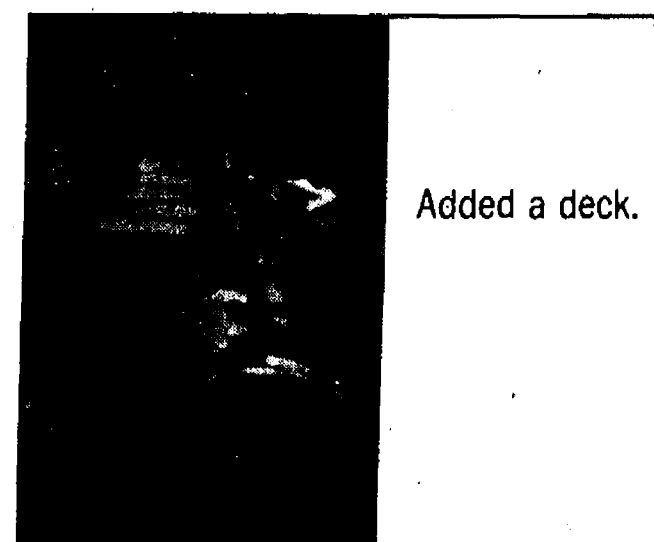
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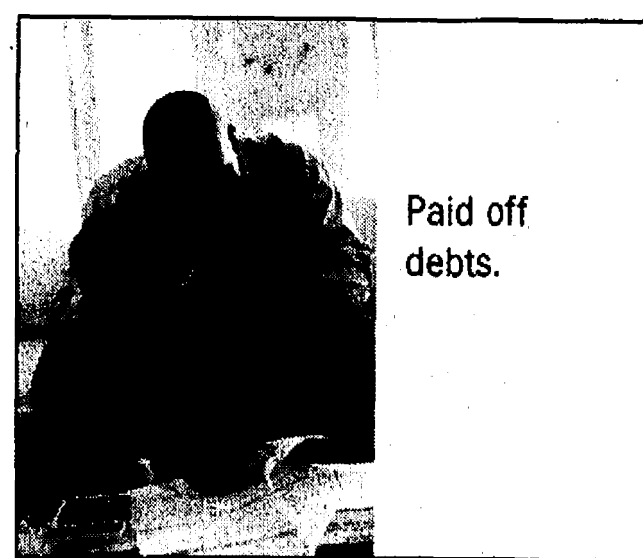
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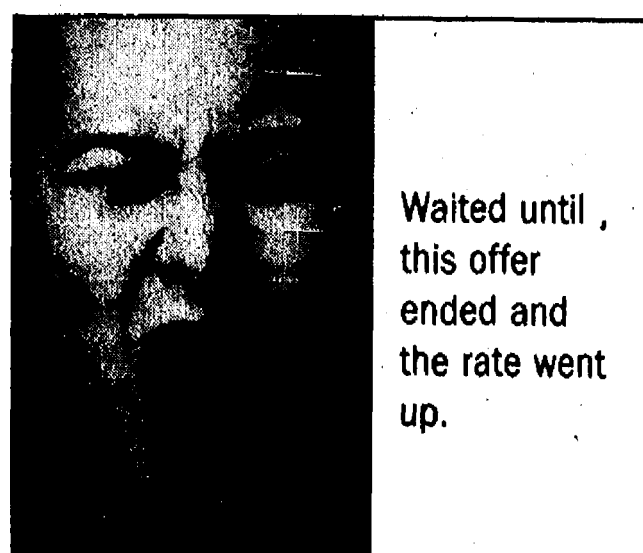
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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland will honor its student athletes at its annual athletics banquet Sunday, March 9, at The Café in the KCC Student Center. The public is invited.

Festivities begin at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Those attending have a choice of roast beef or turkey entrée.

PERRYSBURG, Ohio - Mary

Czarnecki scored 33 points to power St. Clair to a 65-52 victory Tuesday night over Kirtland, ending the Lady Firebirds' season in the opening round of the Region XII Division II junior college tournament.

Lori Hinkle led Kirtland with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Jeni Kemp added 10 points as Kirtland fell to 10-18 overall.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

#### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03 5971 CH (D)

Lynn G. Kruse, Trustee of the  
Goetsch Living Trust  
Frances T. Hixon  
Estate of Phyllis A. Brock  
Ellen Eid  
Estate of Roland E. Towne  
Polly D. Sullivan  
Polly Mae Bechtol  
Estate of Kimberly Ford  
Peggy Anderson  
Estate of Laurice Anderson  
Estate of Jeffery Ford  
Estate of Alice G. Murray  
Estate of John Daniel Murray  
Dale F. Murray  
Fredric R. Murray

Terry Douglas Strickland  
Estate of Mabel Larson  
Helen A. Thomey  
TO: All Defendants listed  
IT IS ORDERED:  
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to partition the following-described properties: SW/4 of NW/4 of Sec 16, T25N, R4W AND SE/4 of SE/4 of Sec 18, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 10, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: February 18, 2003  
Judge F. Murphy (for)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 02-5949-CH  
Jeffrey Norman Nelson, Jr.  
c/o Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
808 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770  
Edwin G. Nelson  
10842 Chase Bridge  
Roscommon, Michigan 48653  
TO: Edwin G. Nelson  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to land in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, further described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:  
Parcel 4: Being a part of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4), Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 619.3 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89° 18' East 711.66 feet; thence North 0° 03' East 178.0 feet;

thence South 89° 18' East 711.51 feet; thence South 178.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 31, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and at the Roscommon City Post Office for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Edwin G. Nelson at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: January 31, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Broughton & Vollbach Law Office  
808 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770

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### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which

said premises are described as follows:  
1. and situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00  
The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2003.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .96% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

In order to maintain basic services of the Township, the Township Board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of .0307 mills (3 cents per thousand sev).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells  
8405 Twin Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-9215  
989-348-6437 Fax

### CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grayling will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at the Grayling Elementary School, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to review the 2003 Recreation Grant Application for recreational improvements at the Grayling City Park. Improvements include adding restrooms, increasing parking, improving fishing access, providing canoe access and bridge upgrading. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Michele Moshier  
City Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate**  
File No. 03-6585-DE  
Estate of Lois M. Southwell, Date of birth: 4/03/21

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Lois M. Southwell, who lived at 606 Ogemaw Street, Grayling, Michigan died February 20, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Colleen A. Wyss, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 25, 2003  
Colleen A. Wyss  
1706 Wakeley Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-3203

L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Page 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:  
Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known at 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Scheuerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ

Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow

v  
Americorp (Donald Castetter)

TO: Americorp

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue

989-348-5588

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate**  
File No. 03-6593-DE  
Estate of Michael David Ledger,  
Date of birth: 11-30-57

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Michael David Ledger, who lived at 1659 Stephan Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan died March 6, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle Connery, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 4, 2003  
Victor A. Coen, P12006  
2000 Town Center, Suite 900  
Southfield, MI 48075-1100  
248-355-0300  
Michelle Connery  
2830-A East Washington Avenue  
Great Lakes, IL 66088  
224-381-1616

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be

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due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to-wit:

Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof  
Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR# 02694431  
Property to be posted:  
302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6

month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 19, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002, in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312907  
Team X

-27-06-13-20

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## FREDERIC TWP. NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tues., March 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederic Twp. Hall, Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI 49733. Phone: 989-348-8778.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers wishing to appeal their assessments as follows

Mon., March 10, 2003	2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sat., March 15, 2003	9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Ronald D. Lewis  
Frederic Twp. Supervisor

## TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB030020 Requests Variance to Build on Existing Footings by Permits #5496 and #5322, closer than 200' from the river.

Petitioner: Ronald & Donna Ritter  
1253 Lavender Street  
Monroe, MI 48162

The above case refers to the following described property:  
Property Code: 20-064-720-000-034-00  
20-064-720-000-035-00  
20-064-720-000-036-00

Property Address: 1920 Dewitt Trail  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Property Desc: Lots 34, 35, 36, River Forest  
Subdivision

Zoning District: RD-R

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department  
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Joseph Duran - Director

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Bituminous Base Crushing**.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

Grayling, MI 49738

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CTF will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

These grants, which will be awarded in October of 2003, are for three years of funding (on a declining fee scale). Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501c3 of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

Any organization that applies is required to provide matching funds for dollars requested and granted. All applications must be reviewed by CTF local council in the applicant's area prior to submission to CTF for consideration. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) will review applications at its March 13, 2002 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Friday, March 7, 2003. Applications must be received in the CTF office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

CTF has a complete set of guidelines available to organizations. For a guideline packet or further information contact Sherry Rosin, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.

The CRCPC is also funding mini-grants to local agencies and organizations. The same criteria applies, as stated above, only on a smaller scale.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

**35,000 ton @ Lovells Pit:** T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **"23A Gravel Bid"**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
March 13, 1980

Grayling has been selected as the site for Weyerhaeuser Company's new wood products manufacturing facility.

The plant will employ 150 people in the production of Structurwood.

Production start-up is planned for late 1981 or early 1982.

The advisory committee appointed by the Crawford AuSable School Board has scheduled weekly meetings for the next two months. This committee is to recommend to the board whether the middle school should be reconstructed or renovated.

Robert Stacey, Director of the Michigan State Police Crime Lab since its opening a year ago, said Grayling was selected as the site because of its geographical proximity to the district it serves.

The crime lab has been called upon to aid in the investigation of some 1,200 crime cases in its first year of operation.

Five employees are on the local staff in addition to Director Stacey, who explained that crime scene services typically involves dispatching an officer to the scene for the purpose of gathering evidence and working closely with specially trained troopers in crime investigation.

March 9-15 is Girl Scout Week, and more than three million Girl Scouts and adult volunteers are celebrating the 68th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States.

A follow-up survey of all 1979 High School graduates will be in the mail March 17. The survey is being coordinated by the vocational depart-

ment of the COOR Intermediate School District. Local high schools will receive much valuable information regarding what the graduates are doing nine months after graduation and how well prepared they are for both advanced schooling and work.

B.E. Jenner, president of the Roscommon State Bank, is pleased to announce the election of Gordon O. Whitney as chairman of the board of directors.

A setting of a 52nd Street warehouse in New York during the Roaring Twenties will highlight the Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show this year.

According to the show's director, Mike Fleming, the show will feature the fiercest "bootleggers" ever seen in the vicinity of Crawford County.

Air space over Lake Margrethe was filled with "identified flying objects" when the 4-H Rocket Launchers Club propelled their special missiles into the skies. About 20 club members gathered on the ice to launch their rockets.

The Viking's dream for a District championship and a shot at the Regionals was shattered at Roscommon last night when the Tawas Braves ended Grayling's season with a 74-70 victory.

The Vikes didn't win them all this year but it was a great and exciting season all the way around.

Kirtland Community College has received approval for federal funding from the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission in the amount of \$40,000 for specialized training in economic development skills for local officials of Northeast Michigan.

The program to be conducted will utilize both intensive short courses on campus and one day seminars and workshops throughout the 14 counties of Northeast Michigan.

Congratulations to the Viking varsity wrestler's for a successful season. Burt Partello was named Class C. State Wrestling Champ, Tim Jones finished in fifth place, and Coach Don Ferguson was named Region 14 Coach of the Year. Members of the team include Mike Walsh, Todd Dunkley, Scott Hamlin, Bill Lucksted, Bill Roach, Scott Hale, Ken Helsel, Jim Kitch, Jeff Schrader, Mike Chrisman, John Juntilla, Rocky Tobin, Tracy Fagan, Ted Methner and Terry Norman.

46 Years Ago  
March 14, 1957

The Grayling High Vikings, who finished second in the Northern Michigan Class C Conference basketball league, completed the best finish that Grayling has made since they won the championship in the mid-thirties.

A new upsurge in savings has been noted among Crawford Counties residents.

Figures bearing this out have been released by the Federal Reserve System that listed bank deposits in Crawford County's savings and commercial banks were at a high mark of \$2,040,000.

The Frederic basketball team sadly team lost their last game of the season after winning twenty games for the season.

Leo Jorgenson was awarded a life membership for his outstanding service and dedication to Grayling American Legion Post 106. A life membership is about the most valued honor that can be bestowed upon any member by its post.

Showing at the theatre this week is "The Girl Can't Help It" with Jane Mansfield and Tom Ewell. And coming soon, the great rock and roll show "Don't Knock the Rock" with Alan Freed.

69 Years Ago  
March 15, 1934

Only 27 villagers turned out to vote for village office candidates in the election on Monday. Accordingly our officers for the coming year will be: President, Clarence G. Clippert; clerk, E. Loran Sparks; treasurer, Herbert J. Gothro, Assessor, Frank A. Barnett; Trustees, two years, Roy O. Milnes, Albert L. Roberts and Arnold S. Burrows. For one year, Merle F. Nellist. Other members of the council whose terms of office are held over are Nelson Corwin and Jesse Schoonover.

We had some more subzero weather dealt out to us during the weekend. Thursday night it went to 6 below, Friday to 1 below, and Saturday to 10 below. Since Monday the weather has moderated a lot.

The fire department was called to the home of Charles Hanover last night to put out a roof fire that was the fault of a defective chimney. A hole some ten feet square was burned in the roof.

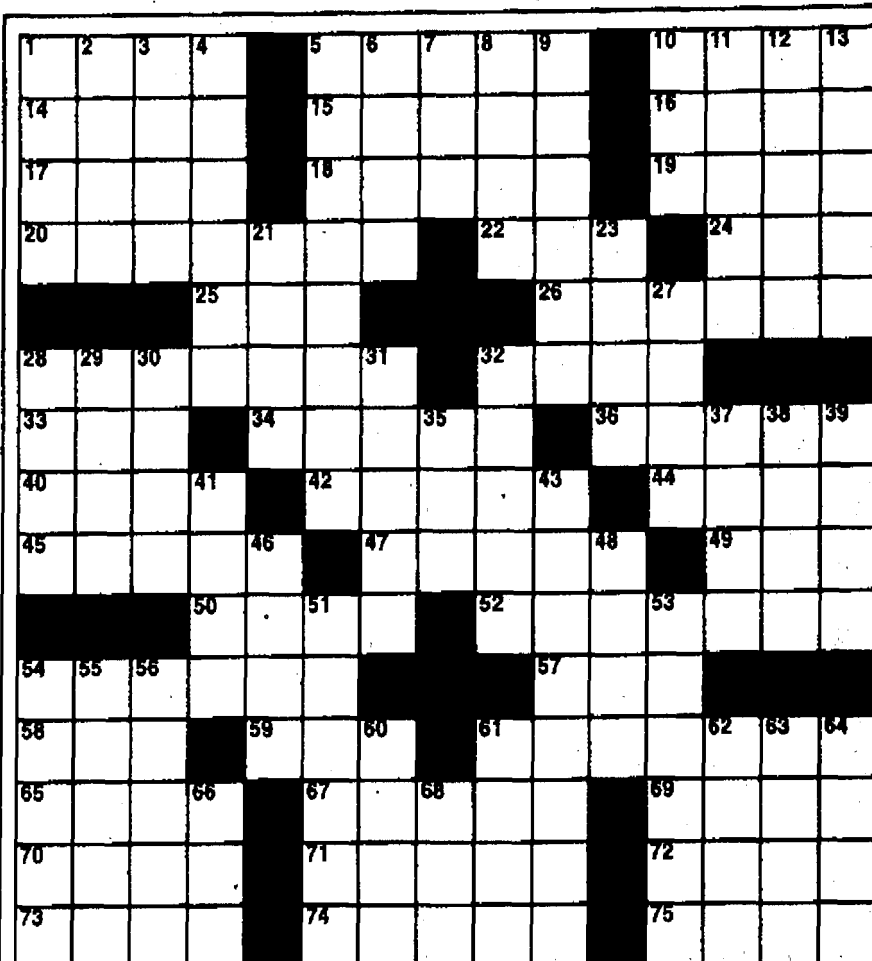
92 Years Ago  
March 16, 1911

The first strawberries of the year were on the market here last Friday, and the first automobile on the streets.

Yesterday was ideal for March, rain and snow, cold and blow, and howling.

John Carter of St. Helen has bought an auto which he will use in showing land to prospective customers. The auto accommodates 20 passengers.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Foul covering on liquid
5. "Cheers" actress Pearlman, et al.
10. Back talk
14. Mammal genus
15. "The \_\_\_ bird catches the worm."
16. River in England
17. Root, as in a word
18. Where cows and pigs live
19. Town in Galilee
20. Member of U.S. Navy
22. Dined
24. That girl
25. Bobby \_\_\_, NHL champ
26. Indirect tax levied on certain commodities
28. Cowards
32. Hebrew unit of measure
33. Secreted by the posterior pituitary gland
34. Constellation near Aquarius
36. Languages of Sulu islands
40. CCC
42. Short-billed rails
44. Cold wind
45. Mountain peak
47. Black, hornless breed from Scotland
49. Picture: shortened form
50. Netherlands river
52. Paints
54. Gambling establishment
57. \_\_\_ Grande
58. First three letters

### DOWN

1. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
2. Advance evidence for
3. The chief solid component of mammalian urine
4. Caribbean dances
5. Umpire's counterparts
6. Robert \_\_\_, poet
7. "To \_\_\_ is human, to forgive is divine."
8. \_\_\_ mater, one's school
9. Comes after "eco" and before "atic"
10. A pouchlike structure in a plant or animal
11. Woolly lemur
12. Sound units
13. A trapping device; also a type of drum
21. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
23. XXX
27. Crustacean with pinchers for hands
28. Tackle the quarterback
29. Thought
30. Noah's oldest son
31. Greek porticoes
32. A tributary of the Missouri River
35. Vase used to put cremated ashes in
37. Be gloomy; to sulk
38. Plant part
39. Pouches
41. Partial: prefix
43. Daybreaks
46. Source of the Blue Nile
48. Take a trip on, a boat
51. Main arteries in the heart
53. Groaned
54. A clique that seeks power usually through intrigue
55. Ancient calculating devices
56. Burn with a hot liquid
60. Western Samoa
61. Sandy piece of seashore
62. Large, low-toned brass instrument
63. Mid-yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
64. Capital of Yemen
66. Type genus of the Suidae
- 68.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Tilapia with Fresh Herb-Pistachio Butter and Baby Spinach

**Herb-Pistachio Butter:**  
12 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup finely chopped pistachios  
1 tablespoon chopped combination of parsley, basil and thyme  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

**For Fillets:**  
6 tilapia fillets  
salt and pepper  
1/3 cup flour  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
2 bags (10 ounces each) baby spinach

For herb-pistachio butter, mash butter, pistachios, herbs, salt and pepper in a bowl. On parchment paper, form butter into a thick log and wrap. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. (Butter can be prepared 1 week ahead and refrigerated, or frozen, over-wrapped in aluminum foil, for up to 2 months.) Position a rack in the center of oven and preheat to 350° F. Season tilapia with salt and pepper and coat with flour. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter and 1 tablespoon of oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the fish, three fillets at a time, and cook, turning once until

golden on both sides, about 4 minutes. Transfer fish to a 10 x 15-inch baking pan. Slice the herb-pistachio butter into 12 equal pats. Place 2 pats on each fillet. Bake until tilapia is opaque and flakes with a knife, about 8 minutes. In another skillet, heat remaining 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. In batches, add spinach, stirring until each batch wilts before adding more. Cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Divide spinach among dinner plates; place fillet on top. Serve immediately.

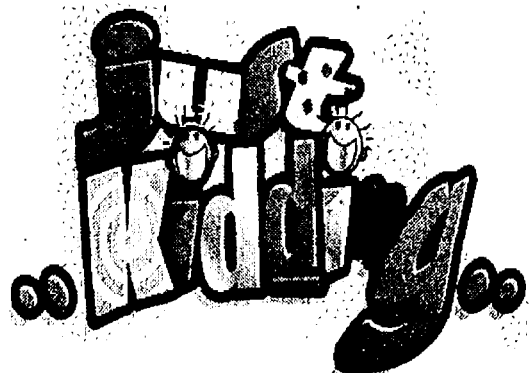
## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BLARNEY DUBLIN LUCK  
CABBAGE IRELAND POTATO  
CLOVER JIG POT O GOLD  
CORNED BEEF LEPRECHAUN SHAMROCK

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

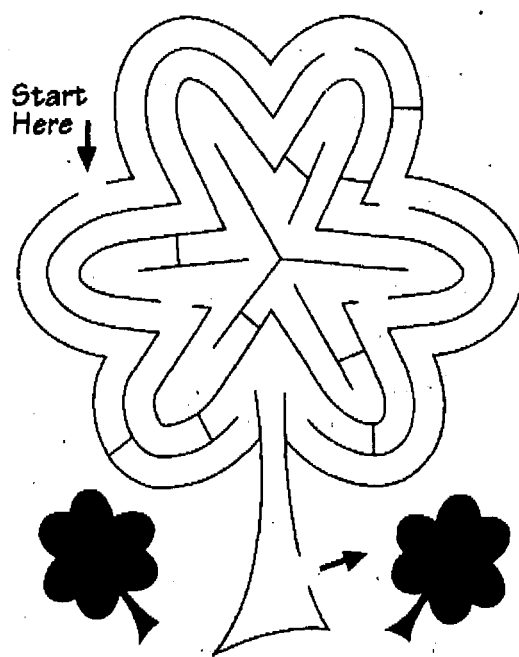
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### DID YOU KNOW

Twenty-four-karat gold contains a small amount of copper.

## MAZE



## Adopt a Pet



Linus is a 6 month old Shar Pei mix pup. He is very sweet and full of energy. Good with people and other dogs. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 13, 2003



Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Tired of doing the same old things? Add some zest to your life with a new hobby, like postcard collecting, or sport, like ice skating. If those don't suit you, sign up for a class or volunteer at a local organization.



Aries

March 21 - April 19

A family member is meddling in your life again. You've been nice about it so far, but it's getting old. Make it clear you do not appreciate their actions and politely ask them to stop interfering.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Your boss has asked for volunteers to tackle a new project at work. Before you offer your services, consider the sacrifices you would have to make in your personal life.



Libra

September 23 - October 22

Feeling a bit stressed? Schedule a few hours to yourself and relax with a good book or a long, hot bath. Then make a list of everything you need to accomplish and set priorities.



Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Lately you've been a neat freak, and your family is starting to complain. Remind them that cleaning out drawers and closets is your way of relieving stress, not to mention finding their lost treasures.



Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Your coworker is in a panic. Rumors are flying around about a big change in company policy. Do your best to calm their fears, but don't get caught up in what may not be true.



Leo

July 23 - August 22

Looking for something more challenging? Step up the difficulty of your exercise routine, or switch to something new, like spinning or pilates. If you're up for it, try out an extreme sport, like snowboarding.



Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

A friend uncovers a talent. Encourage them to develop it with further study and practice. Good fortune is just around the corner.



Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Your boss gives you another assignment. Buckle down and finish any outstanding projects before starting the new one. Don't forget an important date at home.



Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Feeling creative? Indulge your artistic side with a little free writing, painting or drawing. If you're more musically inclined, try playing a new piece or composing your own.



Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Staying in touch with family far away is one of your strong points and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work and don't forget to share the news with immediate family.



Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

An illness is taking its toll on you. Slow down and if you need to, take some time off to recover. While you are willing to work hard to be a success, your health is more important.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
3/5	25	4	2
3/6	15	-1	
3/7	25	0	
3/8	28	8	
3/9	28	-21	3
3/10	28	-21	
3/11	16	-5	

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 28	High 35	High 39	High 46	High 46	High 42
Low 11	Low 8	Low 22	Low 26	Low 24	Low 11
AM Clouds PM Sun	AM Light Snow	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers



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Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms.** (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry (989) 275-5445. (-6-13-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHA sponsored program links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

**SPRING DREAMS** Own a Brand New three bedroom, two bath home for less than you are paying for rent. You pick the floor plan, you pick the colors, you pick the payment. May qualify for Crawford County Housing Assistance programs. Contact North Crest Homes today for details. (989) 732-1555 (-27-6-13/1)

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 2a. Want To Rent

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY** Handicap apartment in Grayling or close. (989) 344-9287 (-13/2A)

**Connie Thomas**  
This clean vinyl sided home has 1,192 square feet and could have two or three bedrooms, the home is situated on a 2 1/2 acre parcel and also features a cute guest cabin in the woods. Priced to sell!! \$59,500 #5073 Ask for Connie!

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**ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS! PERFECT LOCATION FOR ALL SEASONS COTTAGE!** 12x24 One B/R cabin, bath with a path, storage shed, well, screen porch. Furniture included: table, 2 chairs, microwave, stove, refrigerator, 2 beds, love seat, and picnic table. CH-1416 \$25,900

**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME** in the City of Grayling. Close to schools, hospital, and shopping. New plumbing, heating, roof and siding. 3 B/R, 2 bath, full finished basement (egress window in basement B/R), recess lighting, sliding door onto rear deck, six panel pine interior doors, and open staircase. 16x24 garage and fenced back yard. CH-1628 \$82,900.

**A&W RESTAURANT**, excellent business opportunity. 9,000 daily traffic count, all fixtures, equipment, furnishings and inventory on site. 2,625 s.f., seats 88 people, 11 station call-in (Car Hop), 16x130 canopy. Sales and expenses on file. On Site Home for residency also available for \$60,000. CH-1570 \$290,000

**CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000

**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000

**DOLLARS MAKE SENSE** when invested in this two bedroom, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Large utility room, 2 car detached garage, 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$49,900

**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room (12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500

**LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS** cedar sided 1,400 s.f. Home. 3 B/R, 2 baths, master B/R suite w/built in wardrobe and entertainment center. Vaulted knotty pine beamed ceiling in great room. Kitchen has custom hickory cabinets and ceramic tile flooring and counter tops. Two doorways onto brick patio, split rail fence w/brick pillars, landscaped yard w/sprinkling system. Brick sidewalks, and planters. To include dishwasher, garbage disposal, micro., stove, and refrigerator. CH-1375 \$139,900

**505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST!** Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and Ausable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$132,000

**STUNNING LOG HOME!** Beautiful, well-built 3BR, 2 bath home with lots of extras. Master bedroom suite, solid oak and pine flooring, cathedral ceiling, 6-panel solid doors throughout. Hickory kitchen cabinets, gas fireplace and more! Must See To Really Appreciate Its Quality! \$215,000 #224031

**Mobile Priced Below S.E.V.** 12x60 foot, 2 BR, 1 bath mobile with roof-over and add-on. Includes deck and 2-car detached garage, and is located in a quiet subdivision. This is a great starter home, listed below S.E.V. for instant equity. \$27,000 #224167

**Great Location Land Contract Terms!** This 3BR, 1 1/2 bath home is in a great location, just seconds away from state land, snowmobile trails, and the Ausable River. Sale includes stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and new carpet and flooring. Excellent shape, possible land contract terms available. \$65,000 #224555

**Beautiful Hunting Property!** 10.10 acres of hunting and snowmobile country. Adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. \$24,900 #221105

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**Rick Anderson** Associate Realtor  
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Lifetime Passes to Ski & Golf Included! Great 1.72 acre parcel at an awesome price. Includes 2 lifetime memberships for the golf course and ski resort for a value of \$20,000. Seller also offering a \$5,000 builder discount on a contract to build a home for a minimum of 1,700 square foot or larger. See file for building restrictions. \$49,900 #225549

**Prime Property on Business Loop!** Prime commercial property located on a corner parcel of the business loop. 200' feet of frontage on the business loop, plus frontage on city-maintained Meadows Drive. Ideal location for retail business or restaurant. Currently has rental income apartments plus vacant lot. \$675,000 #14992

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**Lovely Home in Quiet Neighborhood!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home close to town in a very nice neighborhood. 2 car attached garage, sprinkler system and natural gas. \$98,900 #225489

**SOLD**  
Great 1 bed-1 bath weekend getaway just minutes from Lake Margrethe. Snowmobile trail and ORV trail nearby. Includes shed. \$17,900 #223957

**Charming Full-Log Cabin!** Charming 3 BR, 1 bath log cabin with many updates, including ceramic tile and newer carpet. Close to ski park and easy-on, easy-off the expressway. 2-car garage with in and out access doors. \$72,500 #224058

**Brand New Spacious Home!** Brand new 2 BR, 1 bath home complete with full finished basement, high efficiency furnace, oak cabinets, open spacious floor plan, blacktop drive and 2 car garage. \$89,900 #224484

**Ideal Fixer-Upper in City!** Motivated Seller is looking for the handyman who is ready to purchase this 2 BR, 1 bath fixer-upper. Ideal rental property or starter home. \$38,000 #224500

**10+ Acres Near "Holy Waters"!** Just minutes from the "Holy Waters" of the Ausable River and state land. Property fronts blacktop road with power adjacent. Nestle a home in the middle of property-for lots of seclusion. \$38,500 #222385

**10 Acre Parcels w/Land Contract Available!** Nice 10 acre parcels with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home or just a camping site. Lots of deer in the area and 90% wooded. Land Contract Possible. Prices \$28,900 to \$29,900 #222624-222637

**10+ Acres Near Manistee River!** Great hunting, fishing and snowmobile area. State land to the West and 1/4 mile to the South. Manistee River is 1/2 mile away to the North. \$28,900 #13308

**2.5 Acres Close to Kneff Lake!** Great location with Kneff Lake just minutes away. Close to state land and lots of trails. \$9,900 #225583

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## 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**RIVER ACCESS** Really nice two bedroom home, new kitchen, carpeting, vinyl, two car garage. \$550 plus deposit. (989) 348-5384 (-6-13/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

**EFFICIENCY CABIN** \$295 month, \$295 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. (989) 348-5124 (-13/2)

**Commercial Building For Rent**  
Suitable for Offices, & Medical Examining Rooms. 775 sq. ft. \$550/month  
6251 M-72 West, 1 Mile W. of Grayling. 348-4716

## 2. For Rent

**KITCHENETTES AND STUDIO APARTMENT** Available All utilities included, cable. (989) 348-8471 (-27-6-13/2)

**ENERGY EFFICIENT APARTMENT** (lower utility bills) for rent. Two bedrooms, one bath, living room, kitchen with dining area, laundry room, garage, washer/dryer and dishwasher. Call for information (989) 348-8471. (-27-6-13/2)

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**FOR RENT**  
Grayling Housing Commission  
Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income  
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Rent Includes Utilities  
These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.  
308 Lawndale Drive  
Telephone: 989-348-9314

## 2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rent is \$400 per month and includes all utilities. Call Norwood Rentals. (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-6-13-20-27/2)

**COMPLETELY REMODELED** 700 sq. ft. two bedroom apartment. New kitchen cabinets, carpeting and much more. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Hookup for washer and dryer in individual locked storage space in basement. Air conditioned. Garage to be available this summer. No smoking, no pets. Must see to appreciate. Ideal for single or couple. \$485 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call (989) 348-7143 (2/27/03tf/2)

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## 2. For Rent

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**8. Announcements****PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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Crawford AuSable Schools, Grayling, Michigan, will receive proposals from qualified contractors for Office, Classroom, Music, and Media Center Furnishings, for the Grayling High School. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Melissa Stone, Assistant Principal, Grayling High School, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. All proposals must be sealed in envelopes, plainly labeled "Crawford AuSable Schools - Office, Classroom, Music, and Media Center Furnishings" and must be received prior to 11:00 am, local time, on Thursday March 20, 2003. All proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid opening will take place at the Clark Construction Trailer, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, 11:15 am, local time, on Thursday, March 20, 2003. All bidders are required to furnish Bid Security in the amount of five (5%) percent of the Base Bid. Form of the security may be a bid bond, certified check, cashiers check or money order made payable to the Crawford AuSable School District. Personal and company checks will not be acceptable unless certified. All bidders must indicate, where shown on the Proposal Form, the cost of Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds covering 100% of the value of the Project. It is a requirement for acceptance of bid that bidders show they are bondable. Bidding Documents may be examined after March 2, 2003 at: GMB Architects-Engineers, 85 East Eighth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, 616-796-0200. Prospective Bidders desiring complete sets of Contract Documents may obtain them from the Architect/Engineer.

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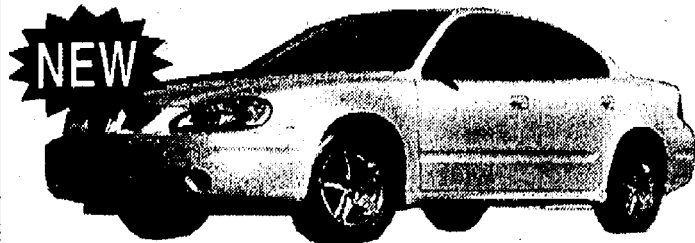
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### 2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER EXT. 4X4

3 seats! Rear DVD Entertainment! LT with leather! Loaded! Only 10,000 miles!  
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### 2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4

LS, loaded 5.3 V8, Pro-Tec Composite box package, low miles!  
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### 1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4

2 dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!  
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### 1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB

2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options!  
Only 35,000 miles! #4883 Was \$11,988. **Blowout Price \$8,988**

### 1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB

2 wheel drive, V8, neat as a pin, fully equipped!  
#19253-1 Was \$12,988. **Blowout Price \$9,988**

### 1993 CHEVY K1500 REG. CAB 4X4

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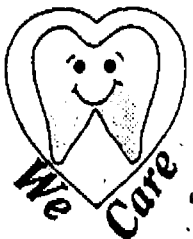


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## Caution urged while using space heaters

With a few more weeks of winter remaining and temperatures averaging below normal, Consumers Energy reminds everyone who uses supplemental heating to do so safely.

Supplemental heaters, or space heaters, are typically electric or kerosene fueled. Most space heaters are designed to heat a single room or the equivalent area. Safe use of space heaters requires a good portion of common sense and a thorough understanding of the manufacturer's instructions.

Consumers Energy offers the following space heater safety tips:

- When purchasing an electric space heater, make sure it has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label and always read and follow

the manufacturer's instructions.

- Do not use an extension cord or defeat the ground prong of electric space heaters. Some extension cords cannot handle the amount of electricity needed to operate a space heater, and could cause a fire. The ground prong helps prevent electric shock.

- Keep the heater away from furniture, walls, draperies or anything flammable.

- Keep electric heaters away from water and never touch the heater when you're wet.

- Always unplug the heater before you go to bed or leave home.

- Make sure automatic shut-off switches are functioning - to turn off a heater if it tips over.

- Use only approved 1-K

kerosene in fueled heaters. Never substitute gasoline.

- When purchasing a fueled heater be sure to buy a unit with an ODS (oxygen depletion system) that shuts the heater off when oxygen levels fall below a safe level.

Some fueled space heaters are designed only for use outdoors.

If a heater can be safely used indoors it will normally be marked on the device, on packaging and in the manufacturer's instructions.

Never use an outdoor space heater in an enclosed area. Improper use of a fueled space heater can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning or death.

## Home Heating Credit forms available

This year's Home Heating Credit forms are available now at Consumers Energy's bill payment offices. Low-income Michigan residents can get up to \$150 or more for their winter energy bills through the Home Heating Credit program.

Residents can also get the forms at public libraries or by calling the utility's toll-free number, 1-800-477-5050. They're also available from the Michigan Department of Treasury by calling 1-800-367-6263.

The Department of Treasury offers help in filling out the forms at 1-800-487-7000. (The form is MI-1040CR-7.) A number of volunteer sites also are available for low-income residents who need help filling out Home Heating Credit forms and income tax forms.

Residents can get information about the nearest volunteer site by calling Consumers Energy's toll-free number.

An insert in Consumers Energy's February bills provide details about the Home Heating Credit and how to file for it. Last year, 298,350 Michigan residents got \$77.4 million in aid through the program, which is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The Home Heating Credit isn't a tax credit, so residents can apply immediately. The credit is based on how much low-income residents spent on home heating from November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002. The credit can be applied to all heating costs including propane and purchased firewood. The deadline to file is September 30, 2003.

## Disadvantaged businesses offered MDOT workshops

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is offering entrepreneurs the chance to gain information by attending one of the department's two 2003 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Business Development Conferences.

The program is designed to help business owners learn how the certification program creates a level playing field on which they can compete fairly for contracts in the transportation industry.

The first conference will be held March 17-19 at the Marriott Hotel in Detroit. The second will be held March 24-26 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant. For more information, call Connie Durham at (517) 373-2377.

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## Judge upholds verdict

► Juror moves, takes bus ride to Grayling to fulfill his civic duty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

In the 24 years that public defender James Deamud has been on the job, he said he has never seen a case such as this.

Deamud, representing convicted armed robber Roger Bruce Matt who was present in the courtroom, presented a motion in 46th Circuit Trial Court on March 6 to have the February 20 guilty verdict against his client thrown out, or vacated, after it was discovered one of the jurors no longer lives in Crawford County.

Matt was found guilty on four felony counts, including armed robbery for holding up a clerk at the Admiral gas station on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling on September 3. Michigan State Troopers caught up with him in Kalkaska County after he fled from Grayling on a motorcycle he had hidden near the freeway.

Judge Dennis F. Murphy listened to statements regarding juror Thomas T. Lobsinger from both Deamud and Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss. Both agreed Lobsinger made a good juror and showed no prejudice toward Matt during juror questioning, but they never asked him if he still lived in the county.

Lobsinger's change of residency was not realized until after the guilty verdict was rendered, jurors were collecting their fees and mileage from the County Clerk's office, and the courthouse had been cleared.

When Lobsinger handed the clerk his bus ticket from the Detroit area community of Madison Heights, the prosecutor and attorney were notified. Deamud filed his motion to vacate within a few days of the trial.

Judge Murphy reviewed Michigan law and case law of similar circumstances and took a very close look at the situation.

Lobsinger lived in Grayling at the time he received and completed his juror questionnaire. He signed it on August 7, 2002. In January, 2003 he was notified by forwarded mail that he had been selected for jury duty in February. Judge Murphy said sometimes questionnaires are filled out a year in advance of jury selection, so things can change during that time.

"The attorneys believed we were dealing with a resident of the county," Judge Murphy said. He added that it is not customary to ask potential jurors if they are still a resident of the county or if they have a new address.

"Apparently, Mr. Lobsinger moved to Madison Heights between August 7, 2002 and the trial dates of February 19 and 20, 2003," said Judge Murphy. "His Continued on Page 2A  
See "JUDGE UPHOLDS..."

## Gillard holds first office hours in Grayling



State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) discusses issues of concern with Ron Alleman of Grayling. Several constituents visited with Gillard during his first office hours held in Grayling on March 6. Among the issues discussed were the environment, health care, and school funding.

## D.A.R.E. Celebrity Servers raise over \$1,400

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

It was a busy evening at the Big Boy restaurant in Grayling on March 5 as local "Celebrity Servers" waited tables to earn tips to benefit the Crawford County D.A.R.E. program in local schools.

Members of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, along with local school officials and folks from the media donned aprons, sturdy shoes and D.A.R.E. T-shirts, then waited on an array of citizens who came to show their support.

Waiting tables that night was Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who earned the largest single tip of \$60 from a table of women who insisted he dance for the money. He obliged. Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, School Liaison Deputy Bill Bonkowski, and D.A.R.E. Coordinator Deputy Randy Herman rounded out the staff for the Sheriff's office.

"We had a lot of fun," said Undersheriff Kraycs. "We raised more than we thought we would and we were all impressed with the high school Continued on Page 3A  
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## QUILT GUILD DONATES BOOK, QUILT TO LIBRARY

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The AuSable Quilt Guild donated a copy of the children's book *The Quilmakers Gift* to the library. The story is about a quilter who makes quilts for the needy and her interactions with the king.

Thirty-nine different quilt blocks are shown in the book and the guild decided to make a quilt containing all of the blocks and then donate the quilt to the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library.

Sue Gilpin of Johannesburg, and Carla Aderente of Ann Arbor, provided 12 inch patterns for each of the blocks. Each guild member selected at least one block to make.

The blocks were then assembled by Gilpin and Aderente, with 20 blocks on each side of the quilt. The fortieth block is the logo of the guild. When they were finished, Mary White and Kathy Burkitt, owners of *In The Woods Quilting*, in Grayling did the quilting.

The blocks were made in the same colors as shown in the book so that when the book is read during story hour, children will be able to identify the block on the quilt.

The quilt is hanging in the children's area of the library and the book will become one of the collection of books used in story Continued on Page 2A  
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Library Director Edward Elsner holds the book *The Quilmakers Gift* donated by the AuSable Quilt Guild. The quilt on the wall, featuring all of the blocks shown in the book, was also donated by the guild. Guild member Sue Gilpin along with Carla Aderente (not pictured), provided patterns for the blocks.

## Teenager told to tow the line

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

After seven months in the county jail, a 17-year old who faced up to 10 years in state prison for breaking into a Grayling Township home, was set free last week.

Casey Nelson Darling pled guilty in February to breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny in a plea agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss. Seven other serious charges stemming from a crime spree last year were dismissed in exchange for his plea.

At his sentencing before Judge Dennis F. Murphy on March 6 in 46th Circuit Trial Court, Darling was given credit for 215 days already served, with the remainder of jail time held in abeyance. Huss stated he did not support Darling leaving jail before serving a full year.

Darling's court appointed attorney, James Deamud, said his client has gone through a lot of changes since being jailed. "I watched his self esteem come up... he realizes he has made a shambles of his young life," Deamud said. The attorney told the court what Darling really needs is to "get out of this community" and get away from his past associations.

"You're very lucky to have against you only a single charge of breaking and entering," Judge Murphy told Darling.

Huss said there were six to

eight additional incidents he could have charged against Darling, but the paperwork would be too voluminous.

"Well, maybe you shouldn't be dismissing all of these charges," commented Judge Murphy to Huss. A Department of Corrections pre-sentencing report recommended a stiffer sentence for the teenager, but Darling's older sister offered to take him into her home and get him on the right track.

"I was lonely, depressed, confused, suicidal and drug addicted at the time (of the crimes)," Darling explained to Judge Murphy. "I plan to live with my sister in Ionia when I get out."

Deamud stated he found his client did not receive services due him and that the Crawford AuSable School District "pulled funding" for his special needs while at the Second Chance school. Deamud said Darling has plans to continue his education which ended formally in the 7th grade and will be getting a job when he relocates.

Judge Murphy appeared reluctant to turn the teenager back out into the community, but remarked that Deamud and Huss knew more about Darling and his case, therefore would trust their judgement in the matter.

Before Darling left the courtroom, Judge Murphy warned him, "Don't you give your sister any grief... you better be towing Continued on Page 2A  
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## Vehicles collide on ice covered road

► Four taken to Mercy after two vehicles collide on icy, snowy road

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Heavy snow the day before, followed by bitter temperatures and howling winds created drifted and icy conditions on local secondary roads the evening of March 9, resulting in a number of mishaps.

The most serious accident this past weekend involved two local women drivers and their passengers, whose vehicles collided at about 7:15 p.m. on Sherman Road in Maple Forest Township.

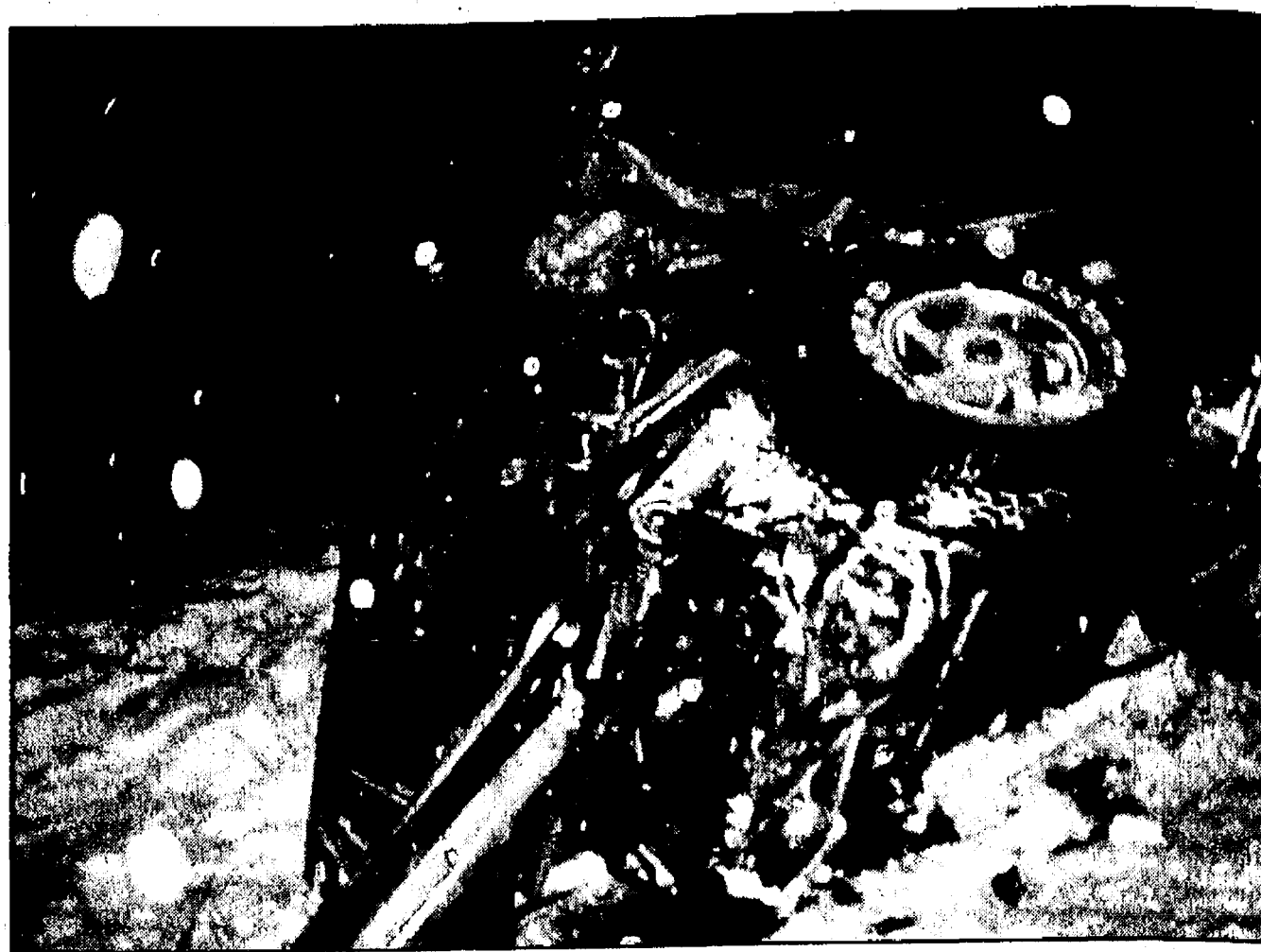
Cynthia Annette Britten, age 46 of Grayling, told Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy John McDonald she was driving south on Sherman Road, near West Marker Road and lost control of her car on the snow and ice, then slid sideways and nearly head-on into the path of a Ford Explorer driven by 56-year old Connie Swander, of Grayling, who was approaching northbound.

After being struck by Britten's car, Swander's SUV slid sideways and rolled onto its side in the ditch. Luckily, no one sustained life-threatening injuries.

Frederic Township Fire and Rescue personnel responded to the scene and used the Jaws of Life to help gain access to Swander and her granddaughter, eight-year old Josie Swander, as well as Britten's passenger, 34-year old Rebecca Sue Kemper of Frederic.

A Mobile Medical Response (MMR) ambulance and crew also responded to help Frederic transport all four accident victims to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, where all but Swander were reported to have been treated and released.

According to Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, Swander was hospital-



Photos courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

This 1993 Ford Explorer was being driven by Grayling resident Connie Swander when it collided with another car and landed on its side. Swander was accompanied by her granddaughter at the time of the crash. Swander was hospitalized that night for unknown injuries. Her granddaughter was released.



Cynthia Britten's 1997 Chrysler is a total loss after a collision on Sherman Road last Sunday evening. Although the passenger in her car was trapped, both sustained only minor injuries.

ized Sunday night for a possible

head injury. "No details were available regarding the others'

injuries. Alcohol is not considered to be a factor in the crash.

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## Quilt guild donates book, quilt to library

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hour. Guild members said they hoped the quilt would be available during story hour so the children can examine the quilt while the story is being read.

The guild has been active this year making quilt blocks for the River House Shelter fundraiser quilts. They have also donated several quilts to the shelter to

give to the children staying there.

The guild currently has about 35 members from across northern Michigan and one from Ann Arbor. They meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the every month at Grayling Township Hall. Members range from beginning quilters to experts.

Visitors are welcome.

## Judge upholds verdict

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notice for jury duty was forwarded to him, he hopped on a bus -- not knowing any better -- so he could serve his civic duty."

Murphy called Lobsinger's actions "laudable, almost super-civic duty." He said no one would expect a juror to show up, but Lobsinger did the "exact opposite" of what most jurors would do in the same situation. Many people try to find any excuse to get out of jury duty.

Judge Murphy also considered the fact that there were 13 jurors in all -- including an alternate -- who sat through the trial and that it took those 12 people only 18 minutes to render their unanimous verdict. "Apparently, the jurors found the case cut and dry, but what must be done about this now?"

After considering all the facts

and reviewing the law, Judge Murphy found Lobsinger fit all criteria of a proper juror with the exception of his residency, which he described as "an innocent mistake," but with no proof of any prejudice.

He added that the subject of residency should have come up during the selection process, if ever.

Deamud interjected that Lobsinger's trip back to Grayling would not seem unusual to anyone who knows him because he has a significant amount of family here.

Judge Murphy called the situation odd and unusual, then denied Deamud's motion, however preserving Matt's right to the objection on the juror issue.

Matt remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail awaiting sentencing.

## Teenager told to tow the line

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the line down there, young man. I am not going to tolerate any violations of curfew, use of drugs or alcohol." Murphy also warned Darling that his experience will not be so nice "next time" if the teenager violates his probation and ends up back in court.

Also as part of his sentence, Darling must participate in an education program, pay full restitution for all the crimes originally charged, obey an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, and have no association with any convicted felon unless preauthorized by his probation officer.



## Travelogue features the 'land down under'

► Continent nation covered top to bottom, side to side

Visit the exciting land of down under with host Bob DeLoss as the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series takes patrons on a camera travelogue tour of Australia this Thursday evening.

"Australia - Top to Bottom, Side to Side" covers this island nation and continent from east coast to west coast, and from its northern tip to its southern corner.

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Highlights of the travelogue include visits to the cities of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth, Darwin and Cairns. Brisbane Outback towns featured include Broken Hill, Kalgoorlie, and Mt. Isa.

Many of Australia's unusual animals will be featured, including fairy penguins, emus, koalas, quokkas, kangaroos, and platypus.



Fashioned out of a hollow tree trunk, the didgeridoo provides the rhythm for dancing by northern Australian Aborigines. When the first Europeans arrived, the Aborigines numbered an estimated 300,000. Comprising one-percent of the population, today they total only 160,000, of which only 40,000 are pure-blooded.

The camera will offer a treat for the eye with visits to Ayers Rock, Olga Mountains and the Great Barrier Reef. Farming operations, as well as mining and rodeos are also a part of this extensive exploration of the land down under.

The film is a co-production of Ken Armstrong and Bob DeLoss. Armstrong is an award-winning

television and newspaper journalist with over 40 years of travel film experience. DeLoss is a noted educator and former broadcaster whose travel films have netted him the title of naturalist adventurer extraordinary.

Doors open March 13 at 6:45 p.m. and show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Tickets are \$7 for

adults and \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and will be available at the door or in advance at the Crawford AuSable School District's main office on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call 348-7146.

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## Arsonist receives jail time, lengthy probation

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Frederic Township man, who pled guilty last month to a reduced charge of attempted arson, was sentenced March 6 to nine months in the Crawford County Jail and four years probation.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew admitted to 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy that he tried to set fire to an old ice manufacturing plant in Frederic Township last August 16. "I've learned from my mistakes and I will do anything it takes to get

out of jail, your honor," Mayhew said.

"So far, you have only burned vacant buildings," stated Judge Murphy to Mayhew. "Why do you keep burning things?" he asked.

"I don't know, your honor," Mayhew replied. "I've been burning things since I was a little kid. I hope I don't do it again."

Since being incarcerated more than six months ago, Mayhew has been receiving counseling for his mental health needs. He has 66 more days to serve to fulfill his jail time.

Judge Murphy and Prosecutor John Huss agreed Mayhew, who receives Social Security Disability pay and went as far as the ninth grade in school, would not be "cured" of his problems by placing him in jail or prison for an extended period of time. They agreed by placing him on lengthy probation, he would have to check in periodically with a probation officer who could monitor his progress with the local mental health agency.

"I am compelled by law to provide treatment," said Judge Murphy. "If Mr. Mayhew vio-

lates his probation, he faces five years in prison."

As part of his sentencing, Mayhew was ordered to perform community service once released from jail. Another stipulation added allows law enforcement to detain Mayhew for 72 hours if he is suspected on violating his probation.

## COA looks to restructure its staff

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At a recent meeting the Commission on Aging (COA) board was surprised to learn there is no table of organization to allow for a smooth transition if something unexpected happens to the director.

Director Nova Anderson told

them that when she is gone for a short time the part-time nurse takes over but there is no provision for leadership if she is gone for an extended period of time.

Board members deemed this an unacceptable situation and decided to hire a consultant to study the current organizational structure and make recommenda-

tions to remedy the situation.

The board said based on the recommendations there may be a new assistant director position or currently existing positions may be restructured into a definite chain of command.

The board said they would keep senior citizens apprised of the changes.

## D.A.R.E. event raises over \$1,400

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students and other Big Boy staff we got to work with. We have a renewed sense of how hard their jobs really are, but still it was a lot of fun for everyone."

From the Crawford AuSable Schools, Superintendent Milli Haug and Grayling Middle School Assistant Principal Jeff Branch hustled up some tips,

while media representatives Michelle Pocock from television station 9 and 10 News, and Crawford County Avalanche General Manager Linda Golnick and writer Cheryll Ruley did the same.

The combination of tips, raffle ticket sales and 10 percent of food sales donated by Big Boy management that evening

totalled over \$1,400 for the D.A.R.E. program which features anti-drug, anti-alcohol and anti-violence education. A similar event in the fall is being considered.

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## Purse snatcher pleads guilty to lesser charge

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

In a plea agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, William Benjamin Boyd pled guilty March 3 to a charge of larceny to person stemming from an incident on December 4 at Glen's Family Market.

Under oath, 20-year old Boyd told 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis that while in the supermarket that evening he snatched the purse of a local woman from her shopping cart.

Some of Glen's employees, along with a Good Samaritan, stopped Boyd from leaving the parking lot and held him until law enforcement arrived. The

purse and its contents were recovered.

As part of the agreement, the original charge of unarmed robbery -- a 15-year felony -- was dropped and the larceny charge was added.

Huss also agreed to drop two felony no-account check charges pending against Boyd in 83rd District Court. Boyd faces up to 10 years in state prison on the larceny charge and will be ordered to pay \$141 in restitution upon sentencing.

With the plea, Boyd waives his right to a trial and an appeal. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on his original bond of \$55,000. He is due to be sentenced early next month.

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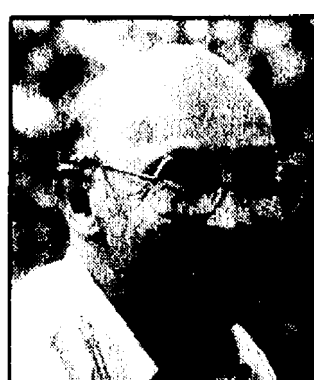


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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Granholt budget is a wondrous thing

MICHIGAN MAY be turning into the wonderful world of Oz.

A new Democratic governor plunked down a budget for the coming year which cut the heck out of almost everything and everybody in the state -- and hardly anyone complained real loud.

In general, new Governor Jennifer Granholm's spending plan for the 2003-04 fiscal year has been acclaimed as a stateswoman-like job.

By state law, the governor must submit a balanced budget. She did, resorting mainly to cuts in current spending levels to overcome an expected shortfall in revenues of almost \$2 billion.

Oh, there's about \$600 million or so increased state revenues, but no new taxes, according to the governor.

"We have built a government that is lean but not mean," boast-

ed Governor Granholm. "As long as I am your governor, this state will live within our means."

Just for the record, Governor Granholm is the first Democratic Michigan governor in 12 years...and the only statewide full time elected administrative official who is a Democrat.

EVEN REPUBLICANS were generally complimentary.

Senator Shirley Johnson, chair of the appropriations committee in the state senate, complimented Governor Granholm for being "very creative," adding that "we are all members of this state and we have to work together."

Republican Marc Shulman, chair of the house appropriations committee, said: "This was a very, very good faith attempt to address our top priorities. It reflects a lot of Republican priorities, too."

Legislators Johnson and Shulman both are Republicans.

The Granholm budget seemed to float into existence like a butterfly, although it stings like a swarm of huge, irate hornets to state employees who are being asked to give up scheduled pay raises, higher education faced with yet another cut in state support, the fine arts, college students, cities, townships, counties, folks on Medicaid, adult education, users of state parks, everyone who drives a car...there's hardly a person who won't feel the Granholm cuts and bruises in one way or another.

But where's the outrage? Where are the constituent groups hollering that the cuts are unfair and even murderous?

WHEN REPUBLICAN John Engler became governor in 1991, he proposed cutting state aid to

the arts...and he became Attila the Hun with a broad axe attacking symphonies and museums.

Mr. Engler cut hard on mental health aid...and he was accused of throwing patients callously into the streets.

Have times changed that much? Maybe so.

Perhaps it's because Ms. Granholm did a magnificent job traveling the state and pre-conditioning the public to the inevitability of cutting back government.

Even so, the reality is that Democrats -- stereotyped as profligate spenders of public money -- are slashing and cutting public budgets.

Republicans -- stereotyped as tight fisted and hard hearted -- are taking a more cautious wait-and-see approach.

Have we arrived in the wondrous land of political Oz?

THE PLEDGE of "no new taxes" rings "no new taxes" rings a bit hollow, too.

The loudest early criticism of the Granholm budget concerned the four-cent a gallon tax increase in diesel fuel. That's a real, though modest, tax increase on truckers.

Taking away \$2,000 of the \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award scholarships may not be a new tax, but it means college freshmen will be paying higher tuition. What's that called?

What about almost doubling the state fee for renewing a driver's license, or higher fees to visit state parks. They're technically not tax increases, but they cost people more money, which is what taxes do.

Michigan's Jennifer Granholm is not the only governor to hide behind a pledge against new

taxes. "No new taxes" was a popular platform for candidates in last year's campaigns.

And Michigan is not the only state facing burgeoning spending and shrinking revenue supplies.

But sooner or later, state leaders from the governor on down -- in Michigan and in state after state -- are nearing the point where they must face up to the inevitable need to ask for more taxes.

There is a limit to how far government can reduce spending, and still carry out its primary function, which is to tend to the legitimate needs of its citizens.

We may be almost there.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## It's time for us all to act like Americans

To the editor,

This is in response to the letter by Mr. George Morse.

Sir, before I express my views, I wish to commend you for your service to our great country in Korea. I am sure you served admirably and bravely in a terrible war. I am sure you saw and experienced many horrible things during your tour.

I detect in your letter a great amount of bitterness, perhaps associated with the disability you suffered. I am in sympathy with you if this was as a result of your participation in the Korean conflict.

Let me state out front where I am coming from. I am indeed a conservative Republican, and could be considered a "hawk," in the sense that I believe in a strong military, able to protect us against any adversary or "tin horn" dictator who has the audacity to threaten us.

This includes the cowards who saw fit to murder 3,000 of our own people at the World Trade Center and the innocent people on three airliners. This was done in the name of religion and our support of Israel, when in truth these cowards were nothing but weak, pathetic sadists driven by pure evil.

You state that the move to war against Iraq is being initiated by

warmongers and draft dodgers. I think you are confusing warmongers with a president and administration who have the will and courage to track down and punish any and all people who support terrorism and those countries who support them.

As far as draft dodgers, you must be referring to former President Clinton who spent time in Russia during the Vietnam war. Oh, I forgot, he is excused for this because he stated many times that he loathed the military and was more interested in satisfying his sexual needs than protecting this great country.

Did I miss your letter protesting his launching a few cruise missiles at Iraq, sending our military to Bosnia and Somalia, and giving military secrets to China, or was that o.k. with you?

Oh, yeah! You can thank him for looking the other way while North Korea developed capacity to produce nuclear weapons...oops. Clinton must have had his mind on other things.

I don't know where you are getting your information stating that Saddam Hussein is not connected with or supporting Osama bin Laden, but the CIA states he is indeed supporting and training terrorists. If it is bin Laden or not, who cares?

I have every confidence

President Bush and his administration will handle what needs to be done to protect this great country, all Americans and our allies.

It this letter seems rough on liberals and the left wing, tough! I am sick to death of the "blame America first" crowd and the apologists for terrorism. Having said that, I regret any member of the armed forces who has to go into harm's way with the chance of injury or death. But freedom and our way of life are not without cost.

I have had the honor of knowing many men who have served in the Army, Navy and Marines, and they were proud to serve. They served in Vietnam, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, the Arctic Circle, and other areas. I am sure they would have preferred to be in another area where they could have enjoyed the comforts and enjoyment they were protecting for us, but they saluted and said "Yes, sir," and did their duty. I am proud to call many of them friends.

If it is necessary to go to war to rid Saddam of the weapons he possesses, many men and women will answer the call. They will do what needs to be done with honor, and with as few losses of life on both sides as possible.

I am proud of this country and of the men and women who defend her. We are all Americans. It's time we started acting like it. God bless America. Let's roll!

James W. Allman  
Frederic

## Millions of Iraqis await liberation by America

To the editor,

I cannot allow Cathy Lester's letter to your esteemed newspaper pass without a retort from a sensible American.

To recap, Ms. Lester believes we should, "...reach Arabs at the grass roots level." Is she referring to the maniac terrorist faction in the Middle East, or the peace loving mainstream Islamic community?

This week's murder suicide in Israel attests to the reasonableness of terrorists. These people are happy to strap bombs to their children and send them off to kill other children. These bombings are the actions of insane zealots, not a disenfranchised people who

think we are treating them unfairly.

Terrorism is a weapon of the unreasonable. How do you begin a grass roots dialog with suicide bombers? How do you reason with a man who willingly pilots an airplane into a building? How do you reason with parents who are happy to strap bombs to their children? How many thousands of Americans must die in future terrorist attacks while we wait for these zealots to change their opinions of us?

No one in their right mind would opt for war over diplomacy, but we must recognize that there are times when diplomacy does not work and war is the only option. This is

one of those occasions. These people have attacked us and have promised to attack us again in the future. We must stop these people and war is the only way.

There are millions of Iraqis waiting to be liberated from the Hussein dictatorship. If America does not go to their aid, who will?

Winston Churchill was one of the sanest men of the 20th century. Of course he would say, "Jaw-jaw is better than war-war." But when attacked, Churchill rallied his people to prevail against Nazi terrorism! Can we shirk our responsibilities and do less?

Craig Dandy  
Grayling

## Current Iraq situation mirrors 1939

To the editor,

The tension in the world is high. A sovereign nation is controlled by a man seen as a tyrant from the outside and a hero from the inside.

That he has amassed an army and arsenal of weapons secretly cannot be disputed. That he has seized land before this belonging to other sovereign nations is undeniable. Still the world looks on hoping that the inevitable "next step" will not come.

The French and British both hope to avert war. The Russians turn a blind eye, thinking it could not effect them. There is no help from the United Nations because (the war) has not begun.

You see, this is the world my grandfather saw in the Spring of 1939, prior to the German invasion of Poland. They only difference is that Adolf Hitler took control of Germany in a more peaceful way than Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein.

I am 33 years old and have never served in the military, something I both regret and am thankful for at the same time. Men like Mr. Morse served in my stead, faithful to their country and to its call. They did not always personally believe in the cause and some were serving

involuntarily, but they served.

They suffered the horror of war, and some experienced disgraceful mistreatment upon their return. I respectfully disagree, however, with Mr. Morse's opinion of the effectiveness and reasonability of the United States around the world.

More than 100,000 Americans lost their lives on D-Day alone. Had Adolf Hitler been stopped earlier, could this high price have been averted? Even these wars that by all accounts we "lost" (I believe we lose something any time we have to wage war), a message was still sent to the rest of the world that the United States opposes tyranny and supports democracy and was a force to be reckoned with.

We have become a generation of technology. Since the 1960s, the grim realities of war have been brought into our living rooms with dinner. I do not believe that most Americans are naive enough to approach the conflict with Saddam Hussein with a cavalier attitude, the cost has been counted.

I believe our leaders, especially our current president, are feeling a heavy burden to make the right decision. I also pray for peace, I dread the loss of a single

life.

The pressure of potential military action has already helped Iraq "find" misplaced documents and destroy several missiles they have "forgotten."

Our United States Armed Forces are among the top, if not the best, trained military in the world and are much more of a deterrent on Middle East soil than at home.

The irony I find in all of this is that the United Nations was created as a world body to prevent so-called sovereign nations from attacking, or even threatening other nations.

Mr. Morse states in his editorial (letter to the editor published March 6) that "Iraq had no involvement in the 9/11 tragedy," he later states that no link has yet been found. Whether they directly supported this event or not, they have been linked to terrorism, which I believe is the cause we are struggling against...at least I hope that to other Americans, this is all more than just another vendetta.

Pray for peace while standing united.

Mike Linderer  
Grayling

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## Scholarship money available

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## Senator Stamas to visit Grayling

36th District State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will be holding office hours on March 14, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling. Sen. Stamas invites all citizens wishing to express their opinion or needing assistance with a state issue to stop by and see him. Earlier in the day, the Senator will be at the Otsego County Library in Gaylord from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone who cannot attend these meetings, may call (517) 373-7946 or visit [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/stamas](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/stamas).

## Friends of the Sheriff plans meeting

The Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Eagles Hall. Anyone interested in learning more about how current budget cuts are affecting your local law enforcement is welcome. Anyone concerned with the public safety of all who live in the county should plan to attend.

## Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the doctors' dining room cafeteria (back) of Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

## St. John Ladies to host card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, March 19 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Fill a table bring a friend or just come to enjoy a winter afternoon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## Many local scholarships available

Many local individuals, organizations and businesses have generously contributed college scholarships for Grayling High School seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2003. Applications are available in the Grayling High School counseling office and deadline for most is March 21, 2003. Scholarship recipients will be announced at Senior Honors Night which will be held on May 22 in the cafeteria of the AuSable Primary School. If you have questions or if an organization wishes to sponsor a scholarship, contact Teresa Bonamie in the counseling office at 344-3512.

## Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held this Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

## Peace march planned each Saturday

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held every Saturday in March from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., forming in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Cathy Lester at 348-8801.

## GMS offers Saturday School Program

The Grayling Middle School staff has implemented a Saturday School Program to identify and help those students who are failing two or more classes at the middle school. The main goal of Saturday School is to increase student responsibility, which will lead to successful student learning. Dates for this round of Saturday School classes are March 15, March 22 and April 12, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at GMS. Students must attend and be successful two out of the three Saturdays listed. Any questions regarding Saturday School may be directed by Joni Metiva at 344-3560 or 344-3550.

## Alpine Singles seeking new members

► Dinner and dancing planned for March 15 at Alten Zimmer

Alpine Singles would like to invite single, unmarried adults in northern Michigan to sign up and become a member of their group. Dues are \$5 annually, which includes newsletter and added perks from local businesses.

Activity Planners are also needed and meet the first Tuesday of the month at B.J.'s Restaurant in Gaylord at 7 p.m. Music and dancing follow each meeting at Timothy's Pub.

Put your planning hat on, get off your sofa and get involved. Being on the activity planning committee is a fun way to get to

know other singles and to get involved. No experience is necessary. Events to be planned include: Card Party, Pasta Party, Casino Night, Farm Fest Camp, Beach Party, Dessert Party, Sleigh Rides, Breakfast Out, Alpine Fest, Mixers, Dining Out and dancing.

On March 15, the Alpine Singles will meet at Alten Zimmer's for a dance and on Sunday, March 16 Petoskey Casino Day is planned. There is also dancing every Thursday night at Timothy's Pub in Gaylord.

All activities have a small cover charge of \$4 to \$6 to cover costs of each event. For more information, or to make suggestions for activities, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570 or Marge at (989) 731-3044 or e-mail: [alpinesingles@hotmail.com](mailto:alpinesingles@hotmail.com).

## MDOT to host open house on M-72 project

► Public meeting to be held March 17 at Grayling Township Hall

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host an open house at Grayling Township Hall on Monday, March 17 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) to review and discuss its upcoming M-72 West improvement project.

The meeting is open to the public.

MDOT is reconstructing M-72 from the west junction of M-93 to Old Lake Road with curb and gutter, storm sewer, and driveway improvements. Pine Point Road will also be upgraded as part of the project.

The March 17 open house — to be held in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall — will include a short overview of the project and a one-on-one question and answer session with MDOT officials and local officials.

## Maple Syrup Day to be held at Hartwick Pines

On March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hartwick Pines State Park will have a day of activities celebrating North America's oldest agricultural product, maple sugar! Visitors to the park will be able to:

- walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree,
- observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup,
- learn about the history of maple sugar making in North America,
- view videos titled *Maple Sugar Farmer*, *Maple Sugaring* and *The Maple Sugaring Story*,
- ask Russell Kidd, MSU District Extension Forestry Agent questions about backyard and commercial sugaring, and
- purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Special activities for children include helping to "build a tree," making a paper mokuk and play-

ing a photosynthesis game. These activities instruct kids of all ages about how trees make their own food, what sap is and how trees are made up of many layers beneath the outer protective bark. Making a paper mokuk replica provides a history lesson and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture. A mokuk was a birchbark container in which native people transported maple sugar.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan and welcome spring at this educational and fun event. Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

The Logging Museum will also be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no fee for this event, but a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.

## Fly tying workshop offered at Hartwick Pines

Start planning for the opening of trout fishing season by signing up now for a fly tying workshop to be held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, April 12.

Participants of the workshop will learn how to tie six popular patterns including the famous Adams, hare's ear nymph, and marabou muddler.

The workshop will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center and run from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In addition to instruction in tying flies, fly casting and fishing

techniques will also be discussed and demonstrated for beginners.

The cost of the workshop is \$40 and includes equipment and materials to tie over 25 flies. Each participant will be provided with a vice to use and be given the option to purchase it at the end of the workshop.

A \$10 reservation fee is required to secure a spot, with the balance due the day of the workshop.

For more information and to sign up, call Chris Kline at (989) 344-1343.

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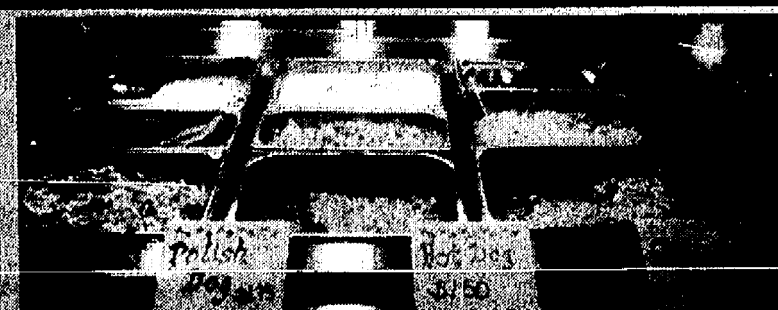
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## Liberal Lies

Having rejected as their final authority - God, the Bible, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution, liberals have become their own god and their own standard for truth and morality. After gaining control of the media, education, Hollywood, and religious denominations, they have felt secure playing god from their ivory towers. Anyone who dares to challenge his or her person, position, or power is publicly branded as a dummy or liar. The one thing they cannot tolerate is ridicule. Ann Coulter's best selling book, "Slander - Liberal Lies About The American Right" is a luminous, clever work exposing the tactics and threats of liberalism in America today. Below are just a few edited quotes from her book.

Ann said, "Liberals don't believe there is such a thing as fact, or truth. Everything is a struggle for power between rival doctrines." "Liberals argue by creating semantic bedlam" "Liberals think that if they never admit to lying, there is no proof that they are lying." "The goal of modern propaganda is no longer to transform opinion but to arouse an active and mythical belief." "Like all propagandists, liberals create mythical enemies to justify their own viciousness and advance their agenda."

Ann said, "There is no bogeyman that strikes greater terror in the left than the apocryphal religious right." Ann used their own quotes showing

they believe "the religious right is a very, very small minority, whose goal is to force people to do things, against their will, populated by an army of 'easily led' cornpones. They are 'fire-breathing,' sell out 'our children in the name of religion,' and enjoy 'narrowly defining the rights of others.' Also 'evil.'"

Ann said, "For twenty years, evangelical Christians had been portrayed as toothless hicks preaching for a nickel in the Ozarks. Then seamlessly, without remark on the shift in the Orwellian propaganda they were transformed into Howard Hughes money men, expertly manipulating the system." "These purported 'leaders, of the' religious right, are talismans, meant to inspire fear even as the public is trained to laugh at them reflexively." "They believe religious people are self-evidently fanatical. Religious values are hateful, homophobic, sexist, racist, and the rest of the liberal catechism unless they are kept in the closet." "Yet liberals behave as if they are under constant threat of extermination from the 'religious right.'" "The imaginary threat of the 'religious right' is important because it allows liberals to complain about their victimization by religious zealots."

In the last chapter of her book Ann said, "Liberals hate religion because politics is a religion substitute for liberals and they can't stand the competition." "The hatred is blinding, pro-

ducing logical contradictions that would be impossible to sustain were it not for the central element faith plays in the left's new religion. The basic tenet of their faith is this: Maybe they were wrong on facts and policies, but they are good and conservatives are evil." Ann said, "You almost want to give it to them. It's all they have left."

But if or when we lose our faith and hope in our God, our Bible, our Declaration of Independence, and our U. S. Constitution, then all Americans will have nothing left but slavery and/or death. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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"Volunteers have been a vital

part of the health care team here at Mercy since 1912," said Diane Nielsen, Coordinator of Volunteer Services. "Volunteers provide countless hours of service, assisting staff, patients, and visitors with caring respect."

Meaningful volunteer opportunities are now available at Mercy Hospital facilities for those interested in becoming a part of an active, involved group.

"You may be interested in sharing your time, energy, or expertise," said Nielsen. "Volunteering has many benefits, including giving back to the community, strengthening the mission of Mercy, making a real difference in the lives of others, building lasting friendships, enjoying outside activities, and

giving to others. Most of all, it's fun."

Volunteering as little as just four hours a week can make a big difference in a patient's life, as well as your own, said Nielsen.

"You probably have all the skills necessary to become a volunteer. All it takes is a little compassion, a touch of friendship, and a small dose of laughter," said Nielsen.

Mercy volunteers, whether in direct patient interaction or working behind the scenes, receive specialized training in the tasks they perform.

For more information on becoming a Mercy volunteer, call Diane Nielsen at (989) 348-0594 or visit the hospital's website: [mercygrayling.munson-healthcare.org](http://mercygrayling.munson-healthcare.org) on the Internet.

## Diocese offers day of prayer, reflection

In honor of "Women's History Month," the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord has invited theologian Sister Aneliese Sinnott, O.P., Ph.D., to lead a day of prayer and study on Saturday, March 29.

The event will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 611 North Street in Gaylord. Prayer begins at 10 a.m. with coffee available at 9:30 a.m.

Concluding prayer will take the day to 3:30 p.m.

The title of Sister Sinnott's presentation is "Holy Women in History," during which she will guide the listeners through the lives of some famous as well as lesser known Christian women.

Sister Sinnott, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for the Ecumenical Seminary in

Detroit, is a dynamic teacher and a woman of deep faith, who both men and women will enjoy hearing.

The cost of the day is \$15, which includes lunch. Reservations must be received by March 21.

Contact Sister Barbara Matievich at (989) 732-5147 for further information.

## Where Creeks Turn Into Rivers

Perhaps you are hiking in the woods. You come onto a mountain stream where cool, clear water bubbles over pebbles and stones. The water is flowing toward...well, just where is the destination? At the end of its journey, this playful little stream could have become a mighty river. "But to me it's just a little stream," you say.

A mighty river is created from many little streams. With each joining tributary, meandering streams become part of a more powerful force moving with purpose toward their goal. That river might power homes or carry goods to another destination.

Like the little stream, each of us is capable of becoming part of a more powerful influence for good, for God's House is made up of many souls joining to form a spiritual river which can flow through the community, the state, the nation, and ultimately, the world. We read in John 7:38 where our Lord declares... "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Won't you let God's House be your destination this Sabbath?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
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Sunday School.....10:30 am

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400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: [www.mmm-umc.org](http://www.mmm-umc.org)  
Barrier Free  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School-  
Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)  
Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
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Church Service  
Saturday.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

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Early Service.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
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701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman  
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Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Carol Stephan  
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Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry**  
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850  
Sunday Office  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Church**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
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**Church of Christ**  
Scott Hoffer, Pastor  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
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Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325

Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
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348-2557  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
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Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Duffee  
2247 Duffee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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# OBITUARIES



## Dennis Ludwig

**Sept. 7, 1942 - March 5, 2003**  
Dennis Edwin (John) Ludwig, age 60, of Detroit, died Wednesday, March 5 at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Detroit MI on September 7, 1942 to Anthony and Clara Ludwig.

He was married to Catherine Mijer on Sept 12, 1985.

He enjoyed hunting and his grandchildren.

Surviving Mr. Ludwig are his wife Catherine; three stepchildren, Debra Curtis from Grayling, Richard Steely from Grayling, Mychel Parsons and friend John Cuttingham; three grandchildren Jessica Ramsey, Angelica Ramsey, and Dwayne (Tammy) Ramsey; two sisters - Patricia (Jack) Coveyou, and Gloria (James) O'Grady; five brothers - Eugene (Sally) Ludwig, Richard Ludwig, Ronald (Jean) Ludwig, Anthony (Sharon) Ludwig, and Robert (Theresa) Ludwig. 14 nieces and nephews, 20 great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 15 at St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m. Visitation at the church will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## In Memory of Barbara Henderson March 9, 1998

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Jan Henderson Hart and family

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He knew you would never get well on earth again.

He knew the road was getting tough and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you Scott but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home!

Forever in our hearts We miss you so much, Mom, Darryl and Todd

## Ronald C. Hough

**April 27, 1913 - March 5, 2003**

Ronald C. Hough, age 89, of Williamsburg, died Wednesday, March 5, at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Belding on April 27, 1913 to Bert and Lena (Pennels) Hough.

Ronald was married to Avis L. DeLano on March 10, 1934 in Grand Rapids, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Hough retired from General Motors of Willow Run after 30 years of service. He was a resident of Bear Lake Township since 1974 when he moved from Fenton. Ronald was a life member of the Masonic Lodge #109 of Fenton and a member of the Community of Christ Church of Grayling. He also was a past trustee for Bear Lake Township.

Ronald loved his family, which included his friends at Hope Village who filled his last 4 1/2 years with love and contentment. "To know him is to love him."

Surviving Ronald are his children, James A. (Florence) Hough of Grayling and Marcia G. (Mike) Spitzley of Williamsburg; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Marjorie Cole of Traverse City, Mary Davis of Flint and Opal Hartman of Kalkaska.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 8 at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Elder Carol Stephan of the Community of Christ Church of Grayling officiated.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in behalf of Ronald C. Hough to the Community of Christ Church of Grayling, P.O. Box 1188, Grayling or to the Hope Village of Williamsburg, 4354 Hope Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690.

Arrangements by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

## Robert C. Bissonette

**Nov. 24, 1928 - March 6, 2003**

Robert C. Bissonette, age 74, of Pontiac, died Thursday, March 6 in Pontiac. He was born in Grayling on November 24, 1928 to Ernest and Agnes (Wendt) Bissonette. He lived in the Grayling area for many years.

Robert worked in the tank plant at General Motors. He enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean War. He enjoyed drawing, painting, jigsaw puzzles and doing mechanical work.

Surviving Mr. Bissonette are his two loving sisters, twin sister Betty Sears of Davison and Patricia (Kenneth) Lynn of Burton; two sisters-in-law, Ellen Bissonette of California and Mary Bissonette; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Agnes Bissonette of Grayling; two brothers, Ernest J. Bissonette and Richard E. Bissonette; and brother-in-law, Jim Sears.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 10 at the Hill Funeral Home in Grand Blanc, Reverend Bill Poma officiated. A spring burial will be arranged at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Disabled Veterans, or VFW.

Arrangements by Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc.

## Lorraine Mae Helms

**March 6, 2003**

Lorraine Mae Helms, age 61, of Grayling, died Thursday, March 6.

Services were held on March 8, with burial at Oakview Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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# OPINIONS

## Name 10 people you wouldn't miss if a victim of terrorism

To the editor,

For you people who think we Americans are too harsh with the terrorists and their friends who support and arm them, perhaps you should decide where your true values lie -- with your family, your friends, your country or with some political agenda of church or state.

Make a list of your family members or friends who you wouldn't miss or mourn if they were killed or maimed (just 10 names) and then send each of them a copy just to show your resolve in your cause.

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I'm sure Baghdad and the terrorists are happy for your attacks on Mr. Bush. I know the Democrats are. Have a nice day.

Richard D. L-Bulley  
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

## America: What a great country

To the editor,

I love America and here's why:

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A right to pray!

A freedom of choice!

A diversity of beliefs!

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A vote for any person and it really does count!

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Just look skyward at our (first) great flag of blue, red and white, with 13 bars and the first 13 states in stars, and wonder after 200 years what better reason to look forward to a nation that looks to itself for rewards and never doubts in its people's individual rights.

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## Hospital offers help to incontinence sufferers

Involuntary loss of bladder control, or incontinence, is a condition that affects approximately 13 million Americans - men and women, young and old - every day.

Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation has launched a new urinary incontinence program to help patients living with this condition.

Incontinence is a symptom that can have a wide variety of causes, including bladder infection, obesity, pregnancy, childbirth, weak pelvic floor muscle, chronic illness or cough, constipation, medications, neuromuscular disorders, stress, smoking, caffeine, diet, and hormonal changes.

The first and most difficult step for many people is to discuss your problem with a health care professional. "This is a problem that a lot of people don't like to talk about," said Leanne Sterrett, Occupational Therapist, who

heads up the program at Mercy Hospital Grayling. "It's been shown that people sometimes live with this condition for seven years before discussing it with their physician."

A patient needs a thorough examination from their physician or health care provider who is knowledgeable about evaluating and treating incontinence. That will determine if a medical condition is causing the loss of bladder control. Then they will be ready for a referral to the hospital's Rehabilitation Department for an evaluation and an individualized treatment program developed by Sterrett.

There are two major types of urinary incontinence that can benefit from therapy. Stress incontinence is a sudden, involuntary loss of urine when you exercise or move in a certain way. Leakage is often caused by weak pelvic floor muscles.

Urge incontinence is leakage that occurs as soon as you get the urge to use the bathroom. This sensation can be overwhelming and your bladder muscle contracts at the wrong time.

"We stress patient education about the bladder and diet," said Sterrett. "But treatment can also include pelvic floor muscle strengthening, normal emptying techniques, bladder retraining, time schedule for urination, and use of EMG/biofeedback and electrical stimulation of the pelvic floor muscles."

Therapy programs have helped many people successfully decrease or eliminate their problem of incontinence. Treatment typically involves a total of six of eight sessions held every week or two.

"Patients need to know that they can do something about incontinence - that you do not have to just learn to live with it,"

said Sterrett. "Taking the first step can put them on the path to regaining bladder control."

For more information, please contact the Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation Department at (989) 348-0314.

## Powered wheelchairs available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens, age 65 years and older, and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call 1-800-246-6010 for more information to see if they qualify.

The Senior Wheels USA Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment.

If the patient does not meet all the requirements of the program, Senior Wheels USA may still be able to help them through its donation program, made available when people donate power wheelchairs they no longer need.

## Kirtland announces date for 10th Annual Warbler Festival

ROSCOMMON - The 10th annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival, a celebration of the comeback from near extinction by one of the world's rarest birds, has been set for May 17 at the college that stands as the song-bird's namesake.

The day-long event on the beautiful campus of Kirtland Community College - in the heart of the jack pine forest the bird calls home from May to September - features a variety of activities, including two guided tours that give birders a rare glimpse of the warbler.

The festival attracts thousands annually. Last year, despite a cold day that began with snow flurries, nearly 2,000 people attended from as far away as Brazil and Canada and from 10

different states including Texas, Washington and Colorado.

"We're delighted that the Warbler Festival is being attended by serious birders from all across the country," said Jim Enger, Kirtland's marketing director and the chairman of the festival's organizing committee. "It's developing a reputation as one of the premier birding and nature events in the country, and it's giving our school the kind of national recognition that is so rare for a community college."

Last year, the festival began with the circling of a bald eagle hovering majestically over a pond near a group where about 40 birders had gathered for the 7 a.m. trek to the forest to see the warbler.

Events continue throughout

the day, sponsored by various agencies that are working together to preserve the Kirtland's Warbler and its ecosystem. They include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Many other activities, from a large, nature-oriented crafts show to children's events that include building birdhouses and feeders and fishing the well-stocked pond that drew the eagle's attention, were also part of the 2002 festival.

For more information about this year's Kirtland's Warbler Festival, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 266 or visit the website at: [www.kirtland.edu/warbler/](http://www.kirtland.edu/warbler/)



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## Governor's Service Awards need nominations

Every day, volunteers are making a real difference in communities all across the state of Michigan. The Governor's Service Awards recognize and celebrate the exemplary efforts of these volunteers.

Beginning in May, award winners and honorable mention recipients will be recognized monthly. The Governor's Service Awards winners will receive a plaque and Special Tribute from the Governor at a local ceremony. They will also be recognized on the MCSC (Michigan Community Service Commission) web site.

Four award categories have been developed to cover different types of volunteers:

- The Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteer service. The deadline for submission of nominations for the Romney Award is Friday, March 21, 2003. The Romney Award will be presented at the

Grantmakers/Grantseekers conference on May 20, 2003 in Lansing.

Additional Governor's Service Awards and honorable mentions for exemplary service are presented monthly to:

- Individuals - Recipients could be youth, adult or seniors who are giving back to their communities through mentoring or other volunteer activities; educators who are utilizing service-learning in the classroom or involving their students in mentoring or other community service activities; National Service program members such as RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions, AmeriCorps, and AmeriCorps\*VISTA. This category also includes individuals who, as part of their jobs, manage programs that provide service to the community.
- Families or Groups - Recipients could be families that volunteer together; employee groups; youth groups; adult service organizations; other formal or informal groups of people working together to make a difference.

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- Organizations: Nonprofits, Faith-Based, Educational Institutions, Businesses - Recipients could be nonprofit or faith-based organizations whose volunteers are critical in achieving their mission; schools of any kind who are engaging in significant number of their students in service-learning and/or other volunteer activities such as mentoring, tutoring, neighborhood clean ups, etc.; National Service programs (AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Senior Corps); businesses and corporations who promote corporate citizenship in their business practices including employee volunteerism; media outlets who promote and support community service and volunteerism.

"Within the course of everyday life lie a thousand opportunities to give your life meaning through service to country and community... Answer the call, citizen patriots, answer it for your own soul that is made to care, to serve and to belong," said Governor Jennifer Granholm.

To receive a 2003 Governor's Service Awards Nomination form, visit the MCSC web site at [www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc), click on "Programs & Activities" in the left margin and then click on Governor's Service Awards; or contact Kathie Vasilion at (517) 373-4200.

Since Governor's Service Awards are given monthly, there are no nomination deadlines -- except for the Romney Award. Nominations for all other Governor's Service Awards may be submitted at any time.

The awards process is managed by the MCSC. All nominations will be screened by the MCSC staff.

A volunteer peer review panel meets quarterly to review nominations and select award winners and honorable mention recipients.

For those who have questions about the Governor's Service Awards program or need more information, contact Vasilion at the number stated above or e-mail: [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov).

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## Local bottled water wins bronze medal at competition

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Avita Artesian Spring Water of Grayling won a bronze medal at the Thirteenth Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting held at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in February.

The water tasting contest involved more than 100 waters from across the country and around the globe. Watermaster Arthur von Wiesenberger, a noted expert from Santa Barbara California directed the challenge of evaluating a product where

tastelessness is the most sought after quality. This "granddaddy of water tastings" was divided into municipal water, non-carbonated bottled water and purified drinking water competitions.

Representatives from nine organizations around the world picked Avita as the bronze medal winner in the non-carbonated bottled water class. Avita with a total of 463 points, missed winning the gold medal by only four points.

The water is very low in mineral content, has a slightly alkaline

pH of 7.1 and was judged to have exceptional appearance and great taste.

Avita is bottled at a 200 acre private estate totally surrounded by the AuSable State Forest located between Roscommon and Grayling. Terry Maurer, of Grayling, is the owner and president of Avita.

Avita can be purchased at various locations throughout the county. It is also available throughout lower Michigan, and in Chicago, Washington D.C., New Jersey and California.

## Searching for Michigan's outstanding older worker, the oldest worker

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Michigan's most outstanding older worker for 2003.

Nominations are currently being solicited from businesses and individuals for workers at least 65 years of age who are residents of Michigan, currently employed and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. Workers who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

Nominations must include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the workplace, including

longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of his/her community involvement.

In addition to special activities and recognition within the state, the winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., September 30-October 5, for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events.

The visit will include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events and the gala awards banquet and ceremony on October 4 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

The Outstanding Older Worker will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events.

The deadline for nominations

is close of business, Friday, May 23. It is not a postmark deadline.

A committee of business and civic leaders will evaluate the nominations. The winner will be announced no later than Monday, June 2.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, P.O. Box 465, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0465, or call (989) 772-5308 or 800-772-5550. Entries may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (989) 773-1421, or e-mailed to joe\_fortmann@experience-works.org.

The search for America's Oldest Worker for 2003 is also under way. All of the past winners have been over 100 years old and working almost full time at their professions. Nominations can be made via the Internet at [www.experience-works.org](http://www.experience-works.org) or contact the state office at the above address or phone number.

## KCC to offer grant writing course

Kirtland Community College is offering a new grant writing course, available online starting this summer.

Kirtland is also providing scholarships to be used by some students and non-profit organizations, the college's business department has announced.

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Please fill out the form and return to the Avalanche with your photo.

Any questions please call Linda Golnick at the Crawford County Avalanche at (989) 348-6811.

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John Doe, son of John and Jane Doe, plans to attend Kirtland Community College in hopes of becoming a Journalist.

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Led by their science teacher, Judi Mesack (left), Grayling Middle School eighth grade students participated in an essay contest sponsored by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA). Top winners were, from left: Mike Cole (3rd Place), Scot Olson (1st Place) and Doug Slater (2nd Place).

## Students write about protecting AuSable

Seventy-five students at Grayling Middle School (GMS) recently participated in an essay contest sponsored by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA). The success of this project hinged on the exceptional dedication and work of GMS teacher, Judi Mesack, and her eighth

grade science students.

The contest encouraged participants to write on any of several subject areas: the influence of environmental factors on the AuSable River, the river water quality, the river as a multi-recreational resource, the river's affects on the local economy, or the history and future of our wonderful river resource.

The ARSPOA Board of Directors considered the essays outstanding and far beyond their expectations for the depth of thought, knowledge, research, consideration, and writing abilities of these eighth graders. Several of the essays will be published in the ARSPOA newsletter sent to hundreds of local property owners.

The ARSPOA Board of Directors awarded over \$600 in

prizes and acknowledgements to the participants in the contest. The three top prize winners were Scot Olson, Doug Slater, and Mike Cole, respectively. They received \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds as prizes. Another top 12 writers received awards of \$10 each, and the remaining students each received \$5.

All students received a personalized certificate acknowledging their participation and their efforts.

The ARSPOA will be awarding a commemorative plaque to Grayling Middle School to acknowledge the work that Mesack and her students have done to understand and protect the AuSable River. The ARSPOA Board hopes the contest will continue as an annual event.

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## Three bills to help reduce prescription drug prices for all

Building on the strong bipartisan support shown in the U.S. Senate for prescription drug reform last summer, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and other senators reintroduced legislation that makes a three-pronged attack on the rising drug prices faced by all Americans.

"The 78-21 vote recorded in the Senate on July 31 made clear that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle recognize the crisis faced by seniors, businesses and other consumers in trying to deal with skyrocketing prescription drug prices," Stabenow said. "We are reintroducing the key portions of that legislation in the belief that it once again will be passed in the Senate and that it will be taken up for consideration in the U.S. House."

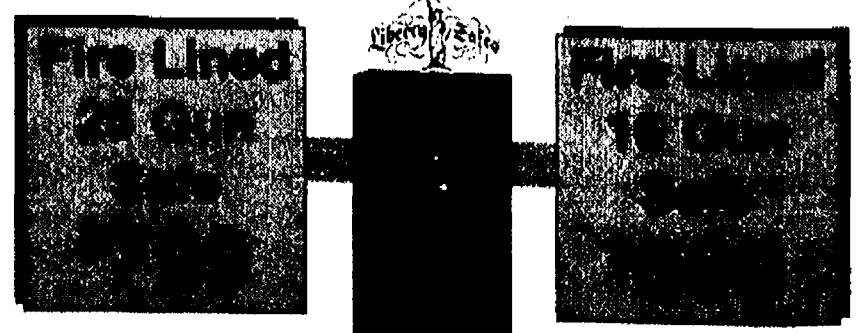
Stabenow's bill, the "Rx Flexibility for States Act" one of

three rolled out March 5 at a press event in the U.S. Capitol, is a reprise of her 2002 legislative language approved by the Senate last year. The bill would permit states to extend Medicaid rebates and discounts for prescription drugs to non-Medicaid eligible persons.

A second piece of legislation would allow U.S. residents to import up to a 90-day supply of prescription drugs from Canada for their own use, and it would allow U.S.-licensed pharmacists and drug wholesalers to import FDA-approved drugs from Canada for resale.

The third bill would streamline the process of bringing lower-priced generic drugs to market by removing some of the tools used by brand-name manufacturers to block or stall the market appearance of a generic brand.

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Area Girl Scouts recently held their Investiture Ceremony, giving current Girl Scouts a chance to re-dedicate themselves to the Girl Scout beliefs and formally welcoming new Girl Scouts to the world of scouting. The number of Girl Scouts in Crawford County has doubled this year to 90 registered Girl Scouts (five new troops). A Daisy Girl Scout troop is now being formed. Daisy Girl Scouts are opened to all kindergartners as a social introduction and preparation for Brownie Girl Scouts. Any kindergartner interested or anyone interested in volunteering in Girl Scouts may call Denise Riehle, Service Unit Manager at 348-2177 for more information.



Troop #2589; Leaders - Shelly Adamski & Pam Miller, (pictured) - Mara Adamski, Alex Case, Mikaela Ashton



Troop #2311; Leaders - Theresa Tritant & Denise Riehle, (pictured) - Brooke Forbes, Melissa West, Tabitha Pelkey, Sarah Miller, Marie Miller, Kara Holland, Bridget Riehle, (not-pictured) - Kayla Bendig, Samantha Messerschmidt, Talia Piper, Casey Petrosky



Troop #2458; Leaders - Angie Pickell, & Bonnie McLeod (not-pictured) L to R - Jessica Pickell, Patty Denno, Johana McGinnis, Chelsea Hermann, (not-pictured) - Allie Barber, Jane Moore, Savannah Foguth, Destinee McLeod, Kayla White



2nd Grade Brownie Troop #2461; (Back Row: L to R) Leaders - Lisa Beek & Hazel Shemka, (Front Row L to R) Amanda McClellan, Sarah Goodyear, Charlene Hermann, (not-pictured) Kiersten Mead, Cortnee Nye, Emily Barnes, LeAndra Horton, Kayla Crouch, Cory Nephew, Christina Teal



Troop #2592; Danielle Dami, Emma Burke, Caitlin Prosser, Katie Vradenburg, Cassie Howelle, Felicia Randau, (not-pictured) Olivia Dikin, and Leaders (not-pictured) - Cheryl Postma, and Robert Dikin



Troop 2453; L to R - Judy Wright, Jensen Stephan, Cierra Prosser, Erin Messerschmidt, Torrey Messerschmidt, Leader - Chris Messerschmidt, (not-pictured) - Deanna Carpenter & Co-leader Deanna Garrity

Troop #2591; L to R - Jamie Hodge, Elizabeth Whiting, Evie Clark, Jessi Gibson, Casandra Allison, Kilah Vanderstelt, Danielle Holland, Elaina Murray, (not-pictured) Jessica Brandt, Amanda Murray (Leader) and Donna Schuetter (co-leader)

Troop #2130; L to R - Heather Swiercz, Katie Fitzpatrick, Darcy Greer, Jamie Denton, Chyanne Reau, Sierra Dyer, Jessica Fic, Leaders - Tammy Fitzpatrick & Melissa Landry, (not-pictured) Heather Ruddy and Stephanie Ellis



Not-Pictured Troop #2590; Leader: Michele McGinnis, Co-leader: Shannon Forbes, Brownie Members: Kaitlin Adamski, Myrissa Kuhn, Paige Lobsinger, Meagan Mackie, Brianna McGinnis, Tegan Pillaro, Tianna Pillaro, Ashley Williams, Alexandria Beaudoux, and Jordin Grigsby



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## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Grayling Middle School seventh grade students from the Nama/Packard/Hamlin team presented an oral report on famous black people, in honor of Black History month, to Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third and all fourth and fifth grade classes at Grayling Elementary School.

Mrs. Lori Fox and Mrs. Suzanne Williams 2/3 multi-age class had another tag reward party. Students who removed less than 50 tags in the marking period were rewarded with lunch, supplied by their teachers, and a sledding party out on the big hill on the playground.

Mrs. Lori Patterson/Mrs. Kathee Sheldon's first grade class had a guest speaker for Dental Health month. Mrs. Ann Malm brought in large models of teeth and a big toothbrush to demonstrate the proper way to brush teeth. The students all brushed their own teeth, then chewed a disclosing tablet to show the spots missed in brushing. The students then brushed their teeth again to make sure they brushed thoroughly.

Along with learning proper brushing, the class did an experiment with eggs in glasses of

soda, which showed how food and drinks could stain teeth or cause cavities.

AuSable Primary handed out Box Tops for Education coloring pages to be taken home and colored. Students who brought back their page with two box tops received a prize from Mrs. Mick. Six hundred forty-seven box tops were turned in.

March is National Reading Month and each classroom is celebrating with a challenge. The theme for the month at AP is Pioneers. Come in and see the covered wagon in the lobby and look for the calendar packed with pioneer theme activities.

Mrs. Pam Alexander and Mrs. Cheryl Hatfield's first grade classes will be having a variety of guest readers for the month.

Mrs. Kelly Moffit's second grade class will have two contests during the month. One contest will see who can read the most books at home for the month. The other contest will be to see who can watch the least amount of television during the month. The winners of each contest will win a pizza dinner with Mrs. Moffit and a

friend.

Reading Across America is the theme in 2/3 multi-age class of Mrs. Lori Fox and Mrs. Suzanne Williams. The students are challenged to read as many books as they can in order to "pass through" the states marked on a U.S. map. The students will begin on the east coast and move their covered wagons through the marked states to the west coast.

Mrs. Laurie Canfield's third grade class will have a race called the Iditarod. The Alaska Iditarod dog sled race began March 1 and each student chose a musher to follow. They will check the progress of their musher and will also be learning about Alaska and arctic animals during the month.

The Iditarod allows the student to move their musher two miles along the course for every page of a chapter book they read.

Students that read all 1,049 pages in the month will have a special celebration and an award, just like the real race.

Melissa Eckstorm was the Safety Patrol Student for the month of January.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

March:

12 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Craft Class at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30;

Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m.; White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

13 - Herbed Chicken/Fish; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Pork Chops/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

17 - Hamburger and Cheese Pasta/Baked Chicken; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; COA Meeting of the whole at 3 p.m.; COA Board

Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Stuffed Cabbage/Broiled Cod; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.

19 - Swiss Steak/Beef Chop Suey; Hearing Clinic by Appointment at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m., CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: Positive thoughts, prayers and love are with you each day through...

## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for February, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

David Michael Greer, age 31 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree - Forced, Habitual Offender - 4th Conviction; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, 144 to 240 months in prison.

Dean James Walsh, age 36 of Frederic - Probation violation; 23 to 60 months in prison with credit for 202 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, and \$500 penal fine as condition of parole.

Sean Michael Fulger, age 30 of Lake - Operating - OUIL/per se 3rd Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for one day served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive residential substance abuse treatment, forfeiture or immobilization of vehicle used in the offense, and ordered to perform 60 days community service.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Eric Alan Atkins, age 27 of

Roscommon - Home Invasion - 2nd Degree; 30 to 180 months in prison with credit for 165 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee.

Frank Mason Bryant, age 44 of Grayling - Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree with a Victim between the ages of 13 and 16 years; 60 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$50 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA Assessment Fee, \$300 court costs, \$250 fine, placed on 24 months probation.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 12 - 18, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 12 - 13, March 18.

Small arms ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek on March 15 - 18.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements

beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 61 complaints the week of March 3-9:

Eighteen traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic violations (civil infraction), three civil matter dispute - family trou-

ble, five suspicious situations, 11 general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, two larceny, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one family offense/abuse/ neglect, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under influence of

alcohol, one health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, four driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 52 complaints during the period from March 2 - 9:

One misdemeanor citation, two misdemeanor arrests, one

property damage, one civil infraction, one private property accident,

Six traffic accidents, one fire response, two disturbing the peace, one city ordinance violation, one liquor law violation,

one breaking and entering, two juvenile complaints, four larcenies,

Two alarms, four traffic warnings, two suspicious situations, three assist other departments and 17 unclassified.



## GHS grad exhibits artwork at Grand Valley



Lindsay Porter, a Grand Valley State University (GVSU) junior majoring in Illustration, exhibited her artwork at the Winter 2003 Art Reception, sponsored by the Grand Valley Women's Center on February 18. Porter, a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School, was featured along with other chosen female art students. Her woodcut prints, entitled, "Growth" and "Moving Target" were displayed as part of an afternoon reception. Both prints were chosen from the Art Department as works created by young women. Her work will be housed in the Kirkhoff Center at GVSU for one year, and then offered for public sale, a spokesman said. Lindsay is the daughter of Lynn Caudy-Nally and Robert Porter.

## Teachers expected to parent but judged solely on academics

Michigan residents expect school teachers to discipline, impart values, protect students and serve as mediators between students and parents, according to a recent poll of 700 Michigan adults.

But, when it comes to their performance, teachers are judged on how well they teach reading, writing, math and science, the poll showed.

"We understand and accept that the schools must pick up many traditional roles previously done by parents," said Lu Battaglieri, president of the 167,000-member Michigan Education Association (MEA). "But we cannot forget that teaching academics is our primary job. We are judged, compared and ranked on how well we do that task."

The poll was commissioned by the MEA as part of a routine effort to gauge public opinion on education issues in the state. The

margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Overwhelmingly, the poll showed that Michigan residents expect teachers to provide students with guidance and instruction in areas traditionally done by parents. Among the expectations are:

- 85 percent-how to be a good citizen, be responsible, trustworthy and keep commitments;
- 83 percent-teach the difference between right and wrong;
- 79 percent-teach respect for others;
- 76 percent-help students build character, teaching honesty and trust;
- 76 percent-act as a mediator between student and parent.

And yet, when asked what are the hallmarks of a quality education, the public ranks good basics and good teachers at the top of the list.

Battaglieri said the MEAP tests and other high stakes tests

grade schools only on their performance of specific academic skills.

"There is no doubt that discipline, character and safety are essential to ensure that students learn academic skills, and become productive members of our community," Battaglieri said.

"But teachers cannot single-handedly raise, protect and educate our children. We need parents, law enforcement and the entire community to share responsibility and work with us."

The poll also showed that 30 percent of the respondents felt the lack of money was the number one problem facing their local public schools, while the second biggest problem cited was class size, which was selected by six percent.

Forty percent of the respondents put great importance on increasing student achievement on the MEAP and other standardized tests, while 15 percent put great importance on expanding charter schools.

## HONORS

### Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College has honored 61 students representing 22 communities around the state on its President's List and another 105 students from 30 communities on its Dean's List for their academic excellence during the fall semester.

To qualify for the President's List, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's List candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

Included on the President's List are: from Grayling - Jonathan DeVries, Bruce Feldhauser, Jennie Hubbard, Martin Kroell, Michele McGinnis, Lawrence Nielson, Kelli Passino, Brandy Ritter, Denae Southworth; from Roscommon - Dane Booth, Kimberly Betts, Phillip Collins,

Ramona Freese, Karis Heacock, Christopher Kuenzer, Andrew Larsen, Jennifer Marshall, Debra McReynolds, Samantha Seratt.

Included on the Dean's List are: from Frederic - Annie Henion, Shelley Pinkelman; from Grayling: Sheryl Bidwell, Aaron Biroth, Levi Burkett, Shalee Cox, Rita Gierl, Thomas Harmon, Elizabeth Hellebuyck, Stacie Mead, Margaret Nephew, Annette Nettleton, Emma Savage, Jeffrey Savage, Arica Wolcott; from Roscommon: Tyler Cady, Desiree Collier, Robert Crandall, Asleigh Donaldson, Angela Janisse, Lawrence Kahsin, Randall McClelland, Angela McGillis, Jamie Parkey, Jacklyn Riley, Kristen Stanbaugh, Rebecca Stinehour, Patrick Tingstad, Jamesina Vettraino, Ronald Watson Jr., Steven Webb, Amanda Zuker.

## BIRTHS

Bennette Dannyell Sanderson was born March 3, 2003 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 19-1/2 inches long at birth.

Welcoming Bennette to the world are her parents Bambi

Mansfield and Dan Sanderson, and her brother Dakotah Mansfield, all of Grayling.

Grandparents are Walter Mansfield of Grayling, Jane Sanderson of Mendon, and Fred Sanderson of Leonidas.

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## March is American Red Cross Month

### Armed Forces Emergency Services and Camp Grayling

Did you know that the Red Cross has trained volunteers at Camp Grayling to relay family emergency messages? Did you know you could assist as a Red Cross volunteer caseworker?

Providing the communications link between service members and their families during family emergencies is the second required service of the American Red Cross. In 1905 the United States Congress identified the American Red Cross as the responsible agency to handle family emergency communications, even though the Red Cross is not a government agency and receives no funds to implement this program.

Local Red Cross volunteer Ralph Krolczyk is there to help when an Armed Forces service member has a family emergency. As a trained caseworker, Ralph is ready to take calls that will be forwarded to the service person.

"It is hard to deal with the fact that a family member will be separated for a long time, even when 'all is well', but when there is a serious family emergency, having the Red Cross available to assist makes managing the emergency a lot easier. I am pleased to help out in a small way under such circumstances", stated Ralph.

As a volunteer caseworker, Ralph and his fellow volunteers receive calls from military families needing help. Often, it is due to a death in a family or other serious illness. Ralph takes the information related to the emergency, and gathers contact information about the service member. Next, he must verify the information given before the mes-

sage is forwarded through the military. This verification step is invaluable to the military. The message is delivered to the service member's commanding officer, which will determine if the service member can be released to go home for the emergency.

The caseload for such messages has increased by 25% since July 2002, as the troop deployments have risen.

During the summer months when Camp Grayling is bustling with training troops, the Red Cross has an office at Camp Grayling to process messages for the National Guard troops. The caseworker volunteers have an 'efficiency apartment' along with an office. Coverage is 24 hours a day while troops are in training.

A core of nine area volunteers provides this service during the summer. "Our local volunteers have gotten much more involved at Camp Grayling. The caseworkers enjoy helping our National Guard members by taking these messages. Some days are very busy all day, and then other times are very quiet. There is no way to anticipate the workload since we are responding to external circumstances," explains Krolczyk.

Last summer over 120 messages were processed at Camp Grayling. If you would like to become an Armed Forces caseworker, please contact the Red Cross at 732-7161 or 800 691-6059.



Ralph Krolczyk, AFES Volunteer Caseworker

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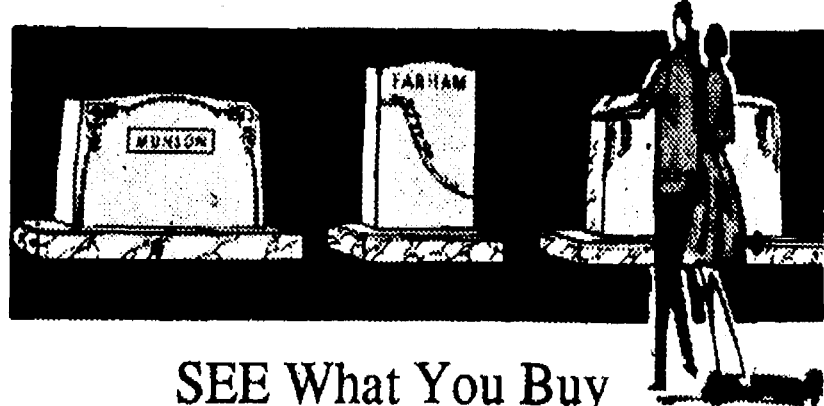
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## Houghton Lake senior named 3rd runner-up in recent Junior Miss state competition

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Twenty-two senior high school girls from across Michigan competed for a share of \$9,100 in college scholarships Saturday evening at Alpena High School's Stanley C. Beck Auditorium in Alpena. A Houghton Lake Senior was chosen third runner-up in the competition.

Wayne/Westland's Junior Miss Ashley Baracy walked away with the title of Michigan's

Junior Miss 2003 and \$3,600 in cash scholarships.

In addition to winning the title, Baracy won a \$550 talent award and a \$550 fitness award. She will go on to compete in the America's Junior Miss National Finals in Mobile, Alabama in June, where she will have the opportunity to win a share of more than \$175,000 in cash scholarships.

The first runner-up, Thunder Bay's Junior Miss Kelly Borchert received a \$1,300 cash scholarship. Clarkston's Junior Miss Sarah McChaffey, was the second runner-up, receiving an \$850 cash scholarship.

The third runner-up, Houghton Lake's Junior Miss

Elise Jury received a \$650 cash scholarship. Huron Shores' Junior Miss Jamie Adams, was the fourth runner-up, receiving a \$550 cash scholarship.

The overall scholastics winners were Waterford's Junior Miss Erin Nolan and Thunder Bay's Junior Miss Kelly Borchert. Each received a \$600 scholarship award.

The overall poise winner was Elise Jury, Houghton Lake's Junior Miss. She received a \$550 scholarship award.

A special award was presented to Chelsea Lamberg, Livonia's Junior Miss. She received the \$400 spirit award for best exemplifying the spirit of Junior Miss.

For more information on America's Junior Miss, please contact Leslie Powell, Public Relations Director, at (251) 438-3621, (800) 256-5435, [leslie@ajm.org](mailto:leslie@ajm.org) or visit the AJM Web Site at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).

## Senate says no to use of 900 numbers; bill now goes to State House

LANSING — 36th District State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) said a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, passed the full Senate with a unanimous vote.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, have been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

"Public information should be free of charge to hard-working, tax-paying citizens," Stamas said. "I am happy my colleagues unanimously agreed that the state should no longer collect this type of income from Michigan's residents."

Senate Bill 180 will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

## HONORS

Josh Mueller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Mueller of Grayling, has won a \$500 scholarship grant from Vector Marketing Corporation for finishing ninth among national student sales representatives during the fall semester.

He has won one previous Vector All-American scholarship and is a student at Kalamazoo Valley Community College where he is majoring in marketing and finance.

Mueller, a field sales manager for the company, joined Vector in September 2001. He has passed his \$100,000 career sales milestone and won numerous sales awards and honors.

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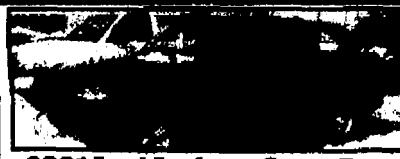
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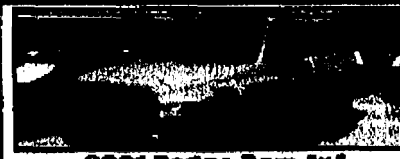
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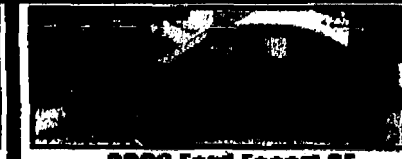
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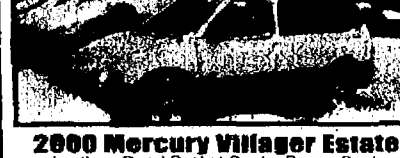
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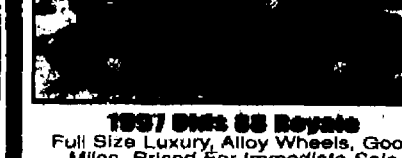
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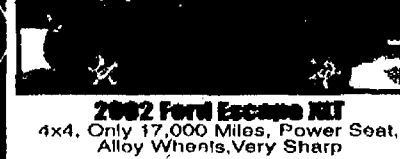
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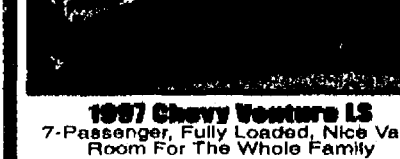
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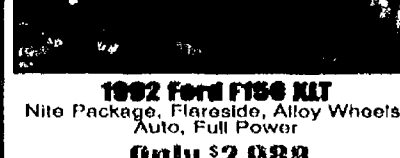
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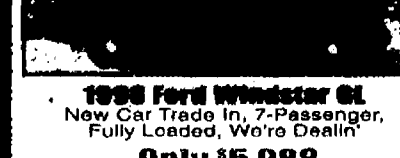
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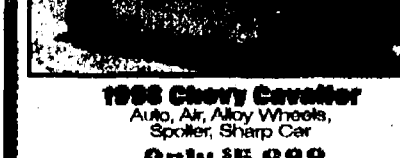
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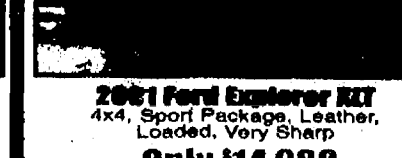
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*Districts, Round 1: Grayling 63, Roscommon 66 (In OT)*

## Overtime loss ends Grayling's season

► Grayling falls to Roscommon 66-63 in first round of play-offs

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost to Roscommon 66-63 in overtime last Monday in a District Tournament game at Cheboygan High School, ending Grayling's season.

The Vikings led the Bucks 29-19 at halftime, but Roscommon rallied for a 22-10 third quarter. Grayling had a chance to win the game in regulation, but missed the last shot of the fourth quarter, leaving the contest locked in a 59-59 tie. In overtime, the Vikings had opportunities down the stretch but couldn't convert.

It was a back-and-forth game all the way through.

Grayling scored the first two baskets of the game — a shot inside by Adam Kaiser and a lay-up by Gibson Tobin — to lead 4-0 early in the first quarter. A 7-0 run by Roscommon gave the Bucks a 7-4 advantage. A drive by Kaiser and a jump shot by Roy Czapek put the Vikings up by one.

The Bucks scored the last five points of the first quarter to lead 12-8 going into the second period. The Vikings had trouble finishing shots for much of the first eight minutes of play.

GHS opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run, which included drives by Tobin and Kaiser, a shot inside by Roger Alvarez, and a jumper by Tobin. Roscommon broke its three-minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws. A jumper by Andy Strohpaal and a triple by Travis Helsel put Grayling up 21-14.

With a triple by Alvarez, a jumper by Strohpaal, and free throws by Strohpaal and Tobin, Grayling led 29-19 at halftime.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 22-10 in the third period. Roscommon got its perimeter shooting game going, and it accounted for four three-pointers in the quarter.

Grayling scored its 10 third quarter points on two jumpers by Czapek and free throws by Kaiser, Joe Lange, and Tobin.

A put-back by Roscommon gave the Bucks a four-point lead. A put-back by Tobin cut it back to two. Two jumpers by the Bucks put RHS ahead by six, 47-41. A lay-up by Tobin pulled GHS back within four.

A shot inside by Kaiser and two free throws by Alvarez pulled Grayling to within two. A lay-up by the Bucks put their advantage back at four.

A shot inside by Helsel, a jumper by Tobin, and a triple by Tobin gave Grayling a 54-52 lead. A jumper by Roscommon tied the game at 54-54 with 3:39 left in regulation.

A jump shot by Kaiser put the Vikings back up by two. A shot inside by the Bucks tied the score at 56-56. A shot inside by Czapek on a pass from Tobin gave GHS a two-point edge.

A free throw by Roscommon left Grayling's lead at one, 58-57. Roscommon fouled, and Grayling missed both free throw shots.

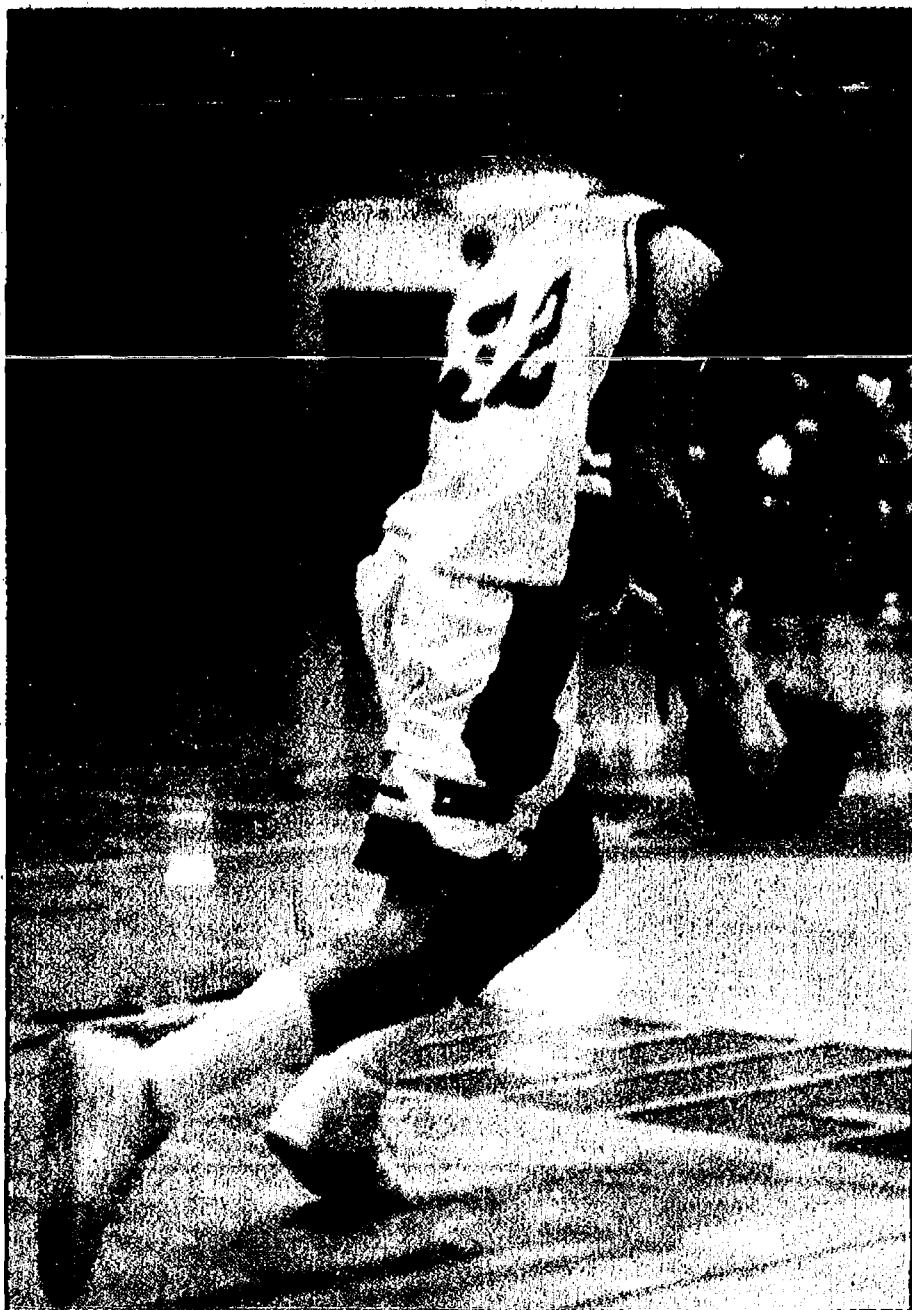
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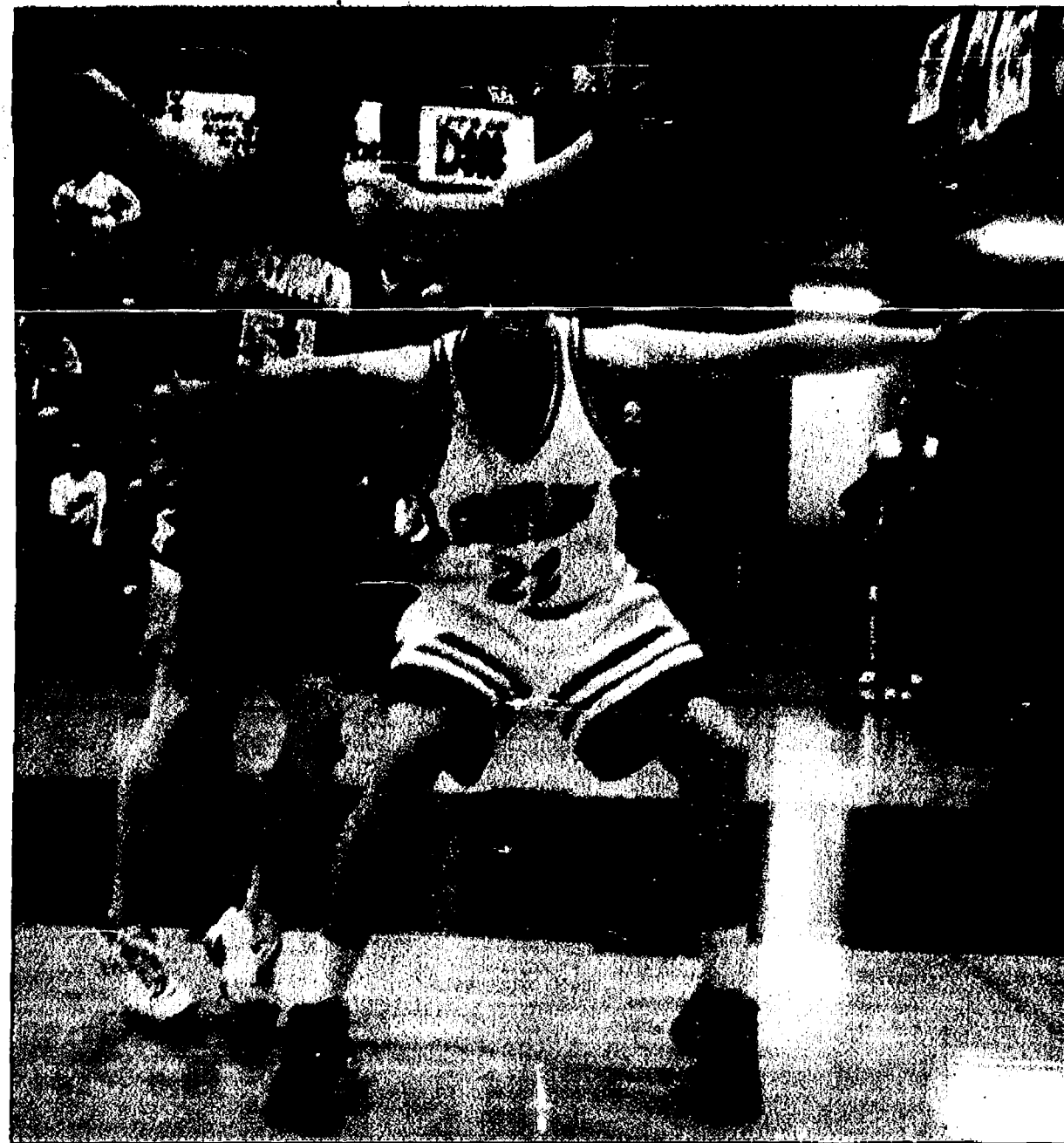


Photos by Caleb Casey

The Vikings gather during a time-out near the end of last Monday's District game against Roscommon at Cheboygan.



Adam Kaiser, senior guard, handles the ball for Grayling in last week's District contest vs. Roscommon.



Roy Czapek posts up in the match against the Roscommon Bucks at Cheboygan on Monday.



Vikings fans cheer for their team late in the game on Monday night at Cheboygan High School.



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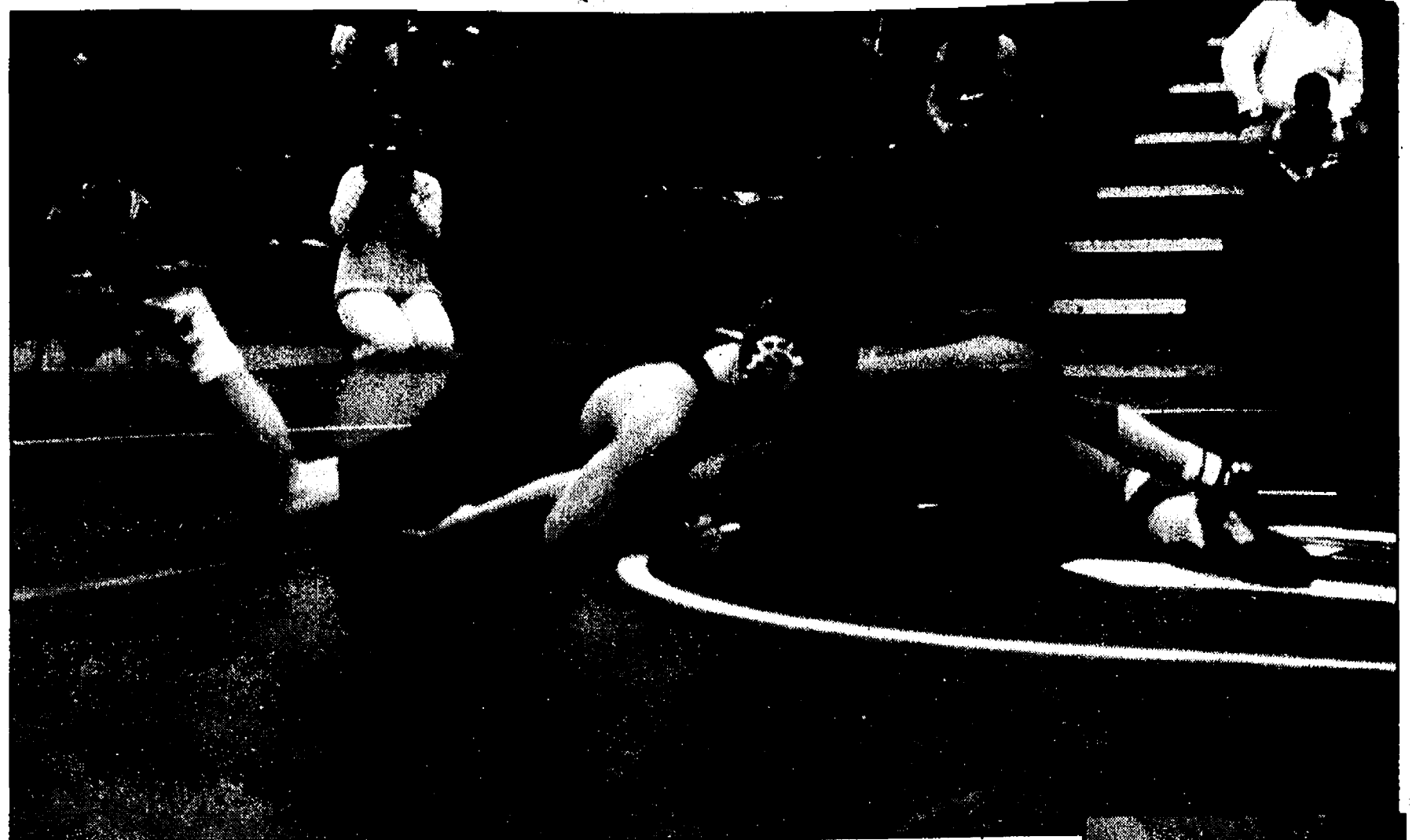
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There are many simple exercises that can help you maintain good muscle tone. Sit-ups, push-ups, side twists, and neck rotations can be helpful. But don't try to over-achieve. Perform with moderation and gradually build up your stamina.

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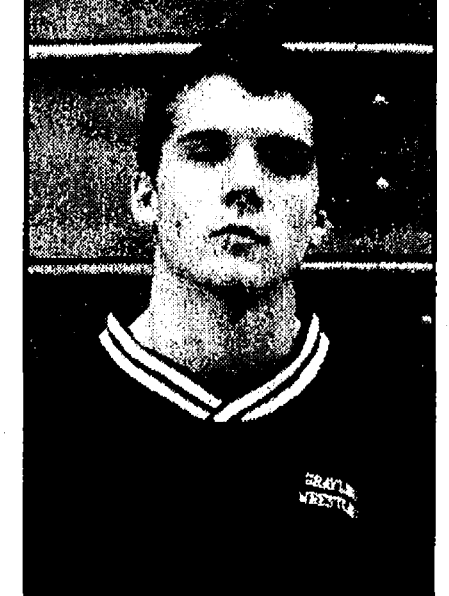
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**Brandon Pratt**  
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## GHS wrestler places 6th at State

► Brandon Pratt earns 26th State Finals medal for Grayling HS

GHS wrestler Brandon Pratt (171) brought home Grayling High School's 26th state wrestling medal by finishing 6th in his weight class at the State Wrestling Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills this past weekend.

Pratt was one of two GHS wrestlers to qualify for the State Finals this year. Dusty Partello (152), a junior, was the other.

Michigan's state wrestling meet is the largest high school wrestling championships in the nation. Over 40,000 fans attended this year's finals.

In his first match of the tournament, Pratt faced Jeff O'Mara of Goodrich, son of former GHS wrestler Dennis O'Mara. (O'Mara won the match by decision, 4-2, and went on to place 2nd.)

Pratt went on to place 6th in the 171-pound weight class. He finished the season with a 44-11 overall win/loss record.

Partello came down with the flu on the first day of the competition and did not place high enough to win a state medal.

"Dusty showed a lot of courage and gave it his very best to compete, but couldn't give 100 percent," said Don Ferguson, GHS wrestling coach. "Dusty is a junior this year, so he will have another chance at the title next year."

"Both Brandon and Dusty represented Grayling with outstanding sportsmanship and showed a lot of class," Coach Ferguson said. "You will see a lot more of these two fine athletes next year."

Ferguson said the wrestling team got good support from the parents, school administrators, teachers, and students this year. He also acknowledged donations made by Holiday Inn (lunch), Glen's Market (fruit baskets), and 7-11 (water).

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McLean's: Trudgeon 9, T. Doremire 11, Burrell 10, Annis 11, Potter 7, M. Doremire 2.

Game 2:  
Holiday Inn 53: Neilson 12, Madill 9, Weiler 13, Swope 8, Cross 8, Deleo 3.

Weyerhaeuser 47: Ruddy 3, Grant 11, Dandy 8, Trenary 8, Juntilla 3, Tobin 7, Davis 7.



Spike's, the Over-30 Men's Basketball League champions: (front) the Patterson boys, team managers; (middle, left to right) Jon Thompson, Joe Pete Thompson, Scott Meyers, Jim Gardiner; (back, left to right) Tom Gardiner, Derrick Smitz, Mark Church Jr., Rodney Patterson; (not pictured) M.J. Ewald, Brian Royce, Mark Church Sr., Mike Hoffman.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion . . . 32 - 20  
Northern Cafe . . . 31 - 21  
Double Trouble . . . 30 - 22  
Charles Country Corner 27- 25  
Mphier Auto Repair . . 26 - 26  
Fick & Sons . . . 23 - 29  
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . 21 - 31  
Piehl's Sawmill . . . 17- 35  
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 691; R. Moshier, 553; B. Trudeau, 550.  
High Game Men: D. Wallace, 278; R. Moshier, 205; R. Marwede, 195.  
High Series Women: M. Moshier, 502; B. Lozon, 499; S. France, 484.  
High Game Women: S. France, 175; M. Moshier, 174; B. Lozon, 174; D. Medina, 161.

### American Men's League

Helsel Forest Products 37.5 - 18.5  
Moore's Automotive . . . 31 - 25  
Warren Forest Products 30.5 - 25.5  
Fenton's Auto Service . . 30 - 26  
McLean's Ace . . . 27 - 29  
Forrest Brothers . . . 24 - 32  
Scheer Motors . . . 23 - 33  
GADCO . . . 21 - 35  
High Series: J. Helsel, 642; D. Henning, 627; J. Arwood, 624.  
High Game: C. Yost, 242; A. Angove, 237; J. Helsel, 224.

### Pioneer League

South Side River Rats . . 31 - 13  
Avalanche . . . 28 - 16  
Rochette's . . . 27 - 17  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 22.5 - 21.5  
The Ice House . . . 22.5 - 21.5  
Custom Interior . . . 19 - 25  
McDonald's of Grayling 13 - 31  
Chemical Bank . . . 13 - 31  
High Series: S. France, 522; C. Clark, 521; K. Moshier, 518; H. Stairs, 495.  
High Game: C. Clark, 200; L. Golinick, 196; H. Stairs, 195; M. Kroell, 195; S. France, 195.

### Recreation

Gale Enterprises . . . 30 - 14  
Woody Girls' . . . 25 - 19  
Peterson's Saw Service . . 23 - 21  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 22 - 22  
Mickey Perez CPA . . . 22 - 22  
Chicken Little Joint Pro. 21 - 23  
Glens' Market . . . 19 - 25

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Swamp . . . 179  
Sawmill 2 . . . 170  
Plaza . . . 159  
American Legion . . . 156  
Gray Rock . . . 150  
Frederic Inn . . . 136  
Sawmill 1 . . . 128

### Spike's

5 Ball Runs: Dee (Gray Rock), Barb (American Legion), Anita (Frederic Inn), Siss (Frederic Inn).  
7 Ball Runs: Pat (Spike's), Anita (Frederic Inn).

Coldwell Bankers . . . 14 - 30  
High Series: P. D'Amour, 524; D. Mead, 505; B. Wheeler, 502; K. Moshier, 475.  
High Game: P. D'Amour, 196; D. Mead, 188; M. Gintner, 182; B. Wheeler, 182.

### Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy . . . 67.5 - 28.5  
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 49 - 47  
Cornell Insurance . . . 48.5 - 47.5  
Gray Rock . . . 46 - 50  
Flowers By Josie . . . 45.5 - 50.5  
Sylvester's Sports . . . 44.5 - 51.5  
Hall's Snow Removal . . 43 - 53  
Buccilli's Pizza . . . 39 - 57  
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 621; D. Germain, 583; G. Wolfe, 558.  
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 226; R. Rysso, 224; D. Germain, 223.

High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 468; D. Hall, 460; J. Miller, 456.  
High Game Women: D. Hollis, 211; D. Hall, 190; M. Rysso, 171.

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Wakeley's Auto Parts . . 59 - 25  
D.X.R. Computers . . . 57 - 27  
Spark's . . . 49 - 35  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 45 - 39  
Little Tyke Day Care . . . 39 - 45  
North Pure Ice . . . 34 - 50  
Shady Acres . . . 27 - 57  
Calkins Excavating . . . 26 - 58  
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 668; C. Vandertuig, 564; S. Miller, 537.  
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 258; J. Babbit, 225; B. Day, 223.  
High Series Women: S. Romain, 520; S. France, 474; D. Harris, 469.  
High Game Women: S. Romain, 181; D. Harris, 169; N. Glasslee, 169; S. France, 169.

### National First

AuSable Construction . . 47 - 23  
Faustman's Insurance . . 38 - 32  
Denholm Chiropractic . . 37 - 33  
Corky's Karaoke . . . 37 - 33  
Legion Lanes . . . 33 - 37  
Northern White Tail . . . 32 - 38  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 28 - 42  
Scott Pittman Builders . . 28 - 42  
High Series: J. Helsel, 669; R.

Annis, 643; S. Miller, 623.  
High Game: J. Thayer, 247; J. Helsel, 243; B. Annis, 236.  
**Northwood**  
Lucky & Laura's . . . 27 - 17  
North MI Financial . . . 26 - 18  
Hometown Furniture . . 24.5 - 19.5  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 23.5 - 20.5

Corky's Karaoke . . . 21 - 23  
Beckett Contracting . . 20.5 - 23.5  
Grayling Chiropractic . . 18 - 26  
Calkins Excavating . . . 15.5 - 28.5  
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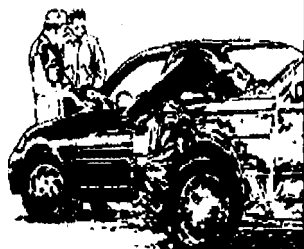
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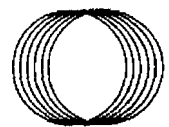
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## Overtime loss ends Grayling's season

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Roscommon tried a three-pointer, missed, and Lange grabbed the rebound. On Grayling's resulting possession, the Vikings were called for a foul at their offensive end of the court.

The Bucks went to the line for a one-and-one free throw chance, and missed. Helsel came down with the rebound. Grayling turned the ball over with about a minute left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling knocked the ball loose and Lange saved the ball from going out of bounds, getting it in to Kaiser. Kaiser dished to Tobin, and Roscommon fouled to stop the clock. With 30 seconds left, Tobin hit one of two free throws. Grayling led 59-57.

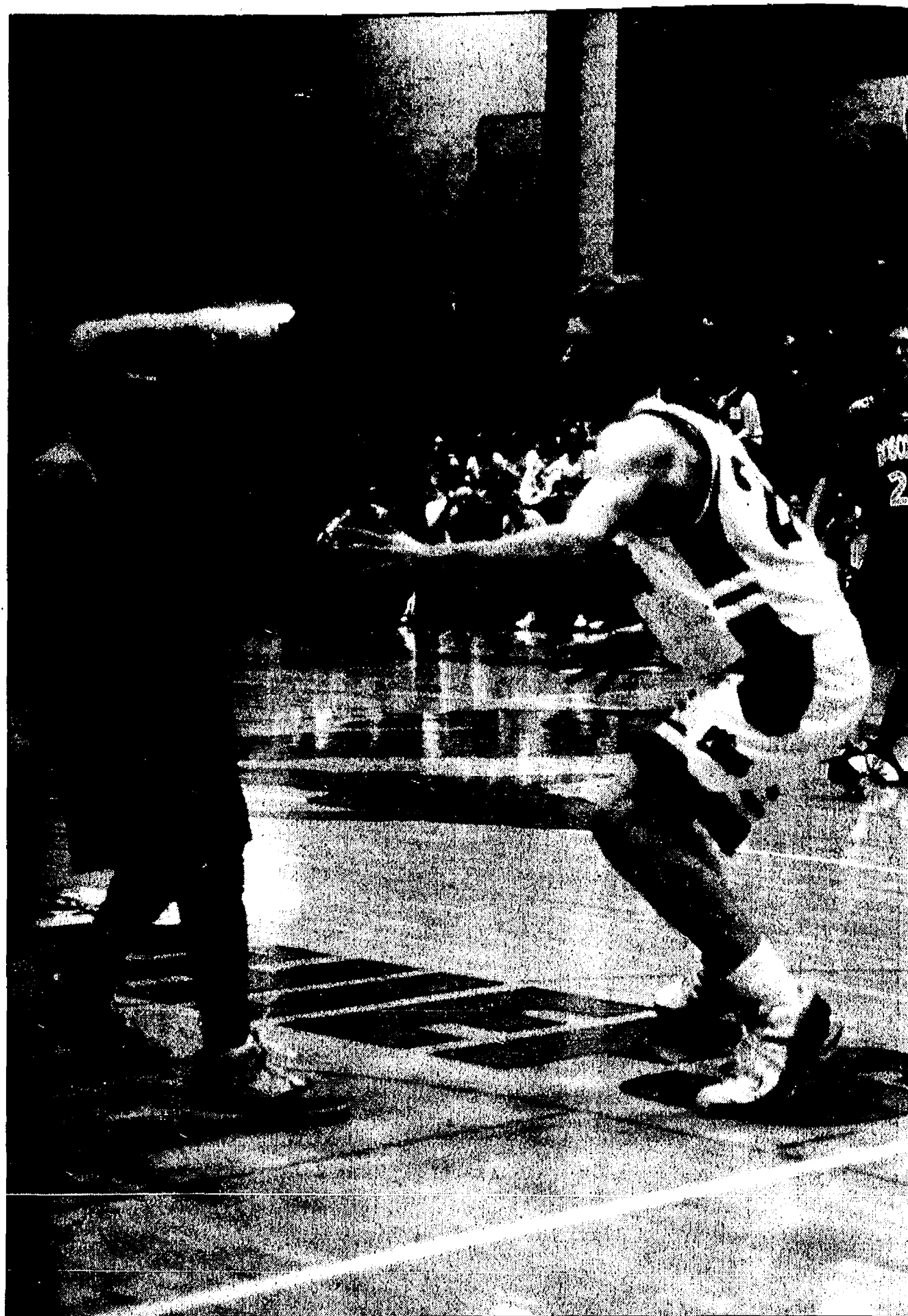
Roscommon scored a shot inside with 14 seconds left in regulation, tying the game at 59-59.

The Vikings got the ball in and across half-court, then called a time-out. Grayling got the ball in and got off a three-point shot, but it missed and the clock expired. The contest headed into a four-minute overtime period.

Grayling scored first in overtime on a drive by Kaiser. Roscommon tied the score with a jump shot. Another drive by Kaiser gave GHS a two-point edge. A pair of free throws by Roscommon tied the score at 63-63. The Bucks got the ball back and converted for two.

Grayling tried for three and missed. Grayling's defense held the Bucks on their end of the court and Roscommon was whistled for a 10-second violation.

The Vikings were called for another foul away from the ball while working on their offensive end of the court. Roscommon missed both of the resulting free throws, leaving the RHS lead at 65-63. Helsel grabbed the rebound on the second miss.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Andy Strohpaal plays defense at the perimeter in last week's District match-up vs. Roscommon at Cheboygan High School.**

The Vikings missed a jump shot and Roscommon came away with the ball. Grayling fouled to stop the clock. The Bucks hit one of two free throws, to lead by three, 66-63, with 23 seconds left in the game.

The Vikings shot a potential game-tying triple, and missed. Roscommon rebounded, and that was it.

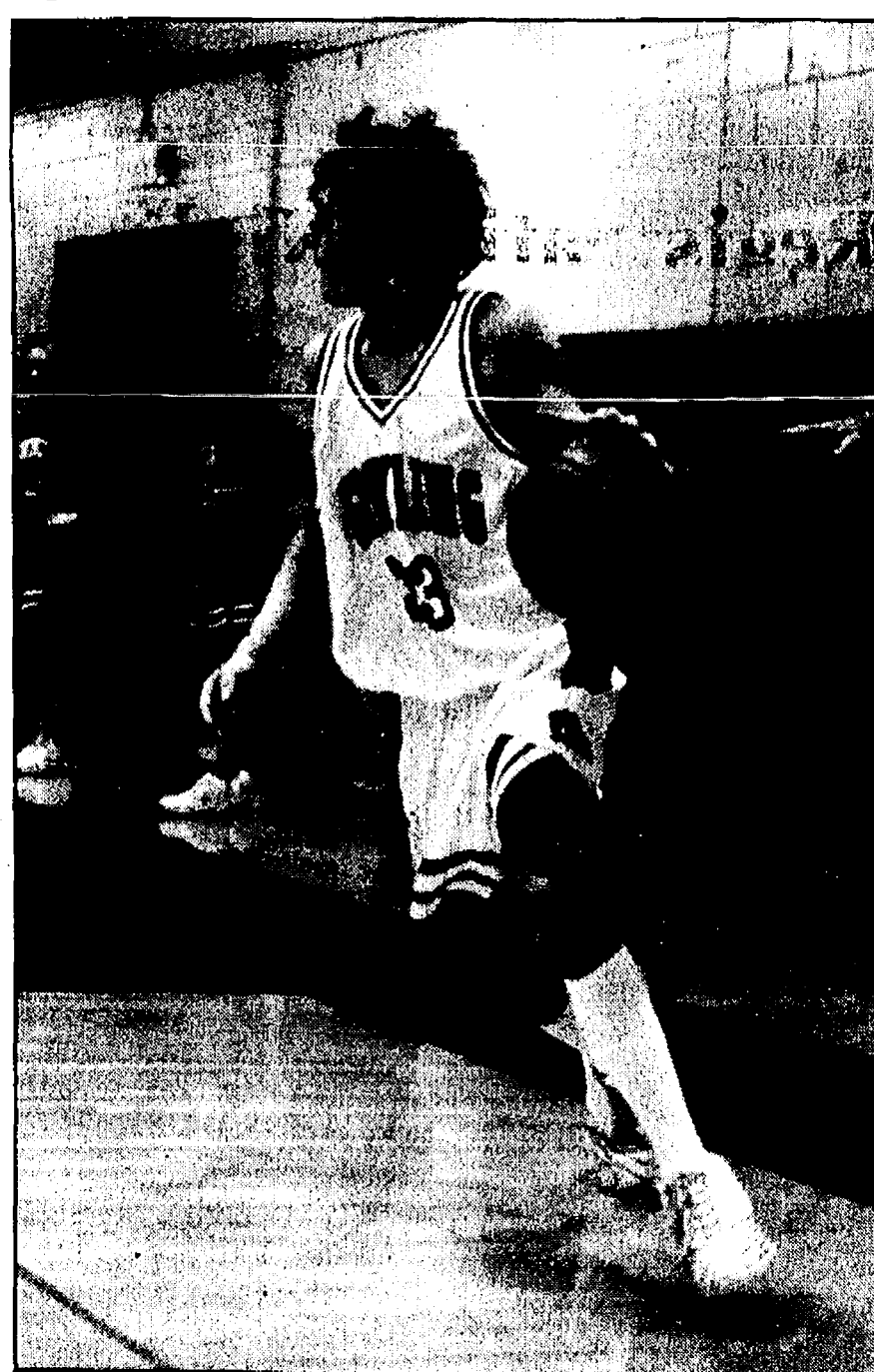
The Bucks won 66-63, knocking Grayling out of the play-offs.

"This was a frustrating loss for our team," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Missed lay-ups, missed free throws, not executing a key play - it was just tough to watch. We had done those things in our prior game vs. Roscommon."

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling in the match with a game-high 21 points. Kaiser finished with 15 points.

Now, the team - a young group with just three seniors (only one of whom is a starter) - is looking ahead to next season.

"We surprised people this year and won the NEMC," Coach Moffit said. "We need to improve during the off-season. Our new league (the Lake Michigan Conference) will be a big challenge for us next year."



**Gibson Tobin dribbles the ball at the baseline in Monday night's District game.**

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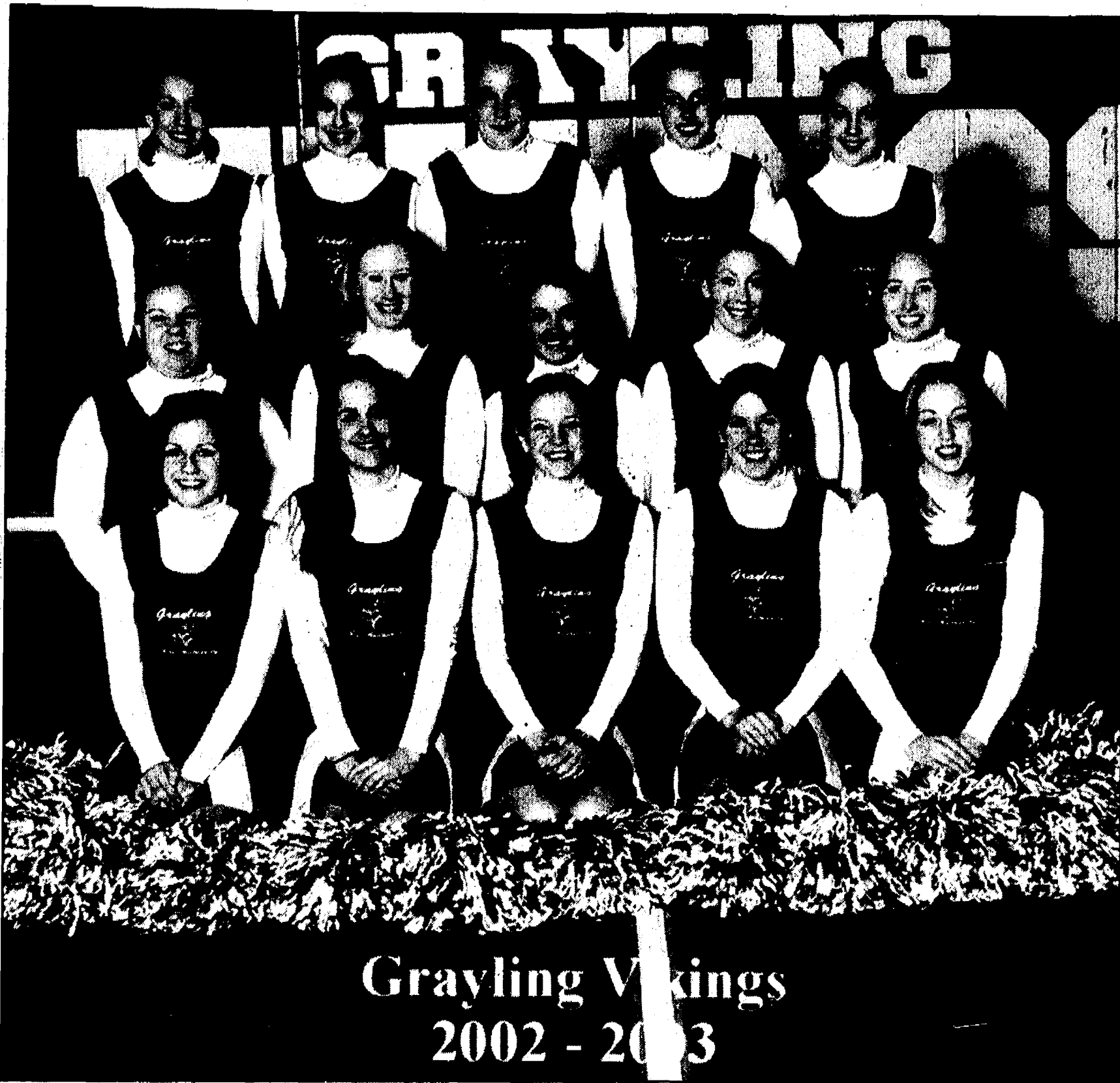
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**Roger Alvarez sets up for a jump shot on Monday night.**



## GRA Pom Pon Squad



Grayling Vikings  
2002 - 2003

The Grayling Recreation Authority pom pon squad, which performs halftime dance routines at several Grayling High School varsity boys basketball games throughout the season, recently finished its 2002-03 campaign. The squad includes: (front, left to right) Jaimi Drudge, Tracy Parkinson, Kim Mitchell, Andi Holzbauer, Lexi Bondar; (middle, left to right) Arrow Francisco, Ashley Bancroft, Stacy Brown, Christina Strait, Janelle Gregorich; (back, left to right) Kim Long, Jamie Pinkelman, Megan Fekete, Shayla Moore, Jenny Long. Not pictured: Tracy Lewis, Chelsea Green, Nicole Reyes, Coaches Candi Taylor, Nicole Larm, Judy Long, and Karen Wyskiel.

## Little League to host Registration Night

► Sign-up event to be held on March 25 at Holiday Inn

Grayling Little League will be accepting player sign-ups at its upcoming Player Registration Night, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

To register for little league baseball or softball players should bring a copy of their birth certificate and registration fee to Player Registration Night on March 25. Players who sign up at this event will be eligible for door prizes.

Players must be at least seven years old on July 31, 2003 to be eligible to play. Grayling Little League offers four divisions of baseball and a girls softball league (divisions based on enrollment).

Registration fee is \$25 per player (with a max of \$50 per family) and each player is responsible for a \$20 fund-raising fee for Home Run Cards. The cards, which offer discounts at area businesses, can be sold for \$10 each to eliminate this fee.

After Player Registration night, players can sign up for little league at Sylvester's until April 11.

If you have any questions regarding Grayling Little League, call League President Rich Alexander at 348-5709 or

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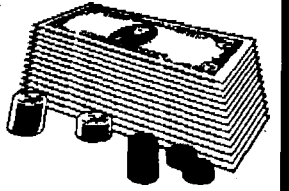
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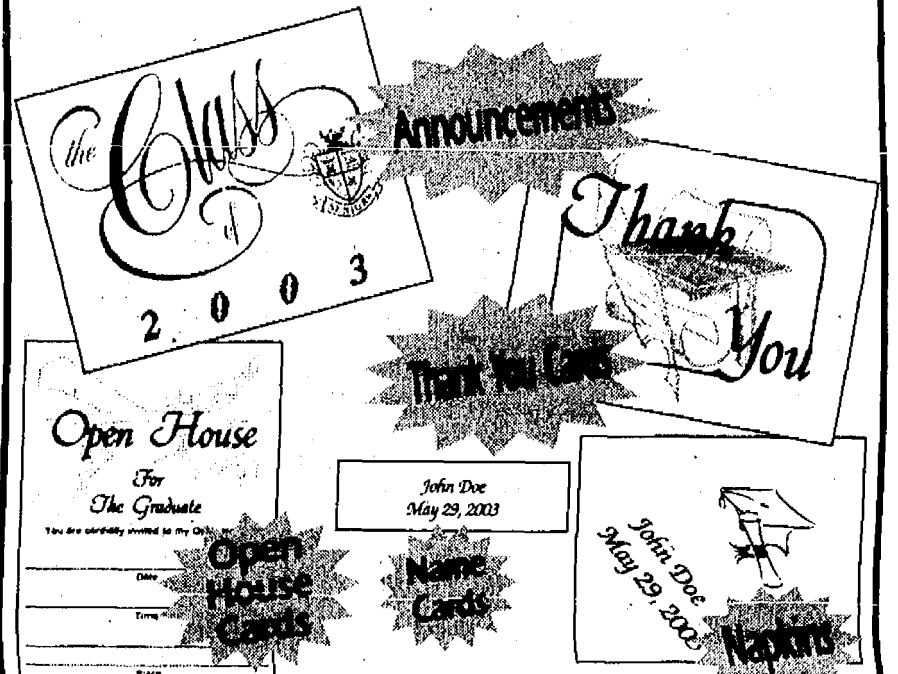
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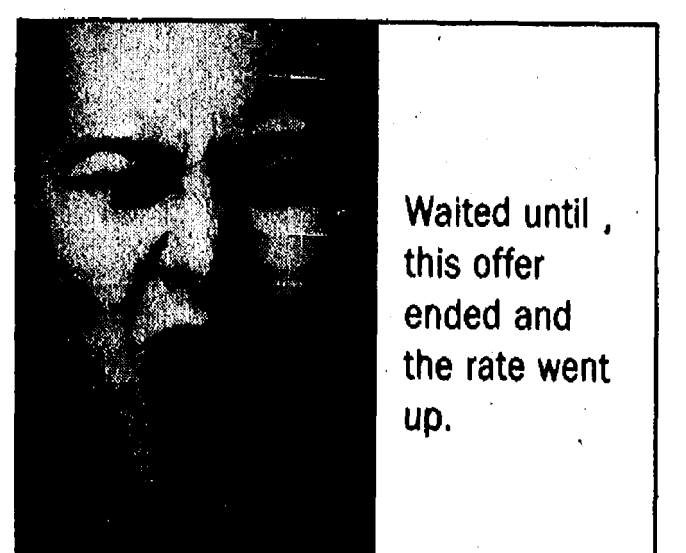
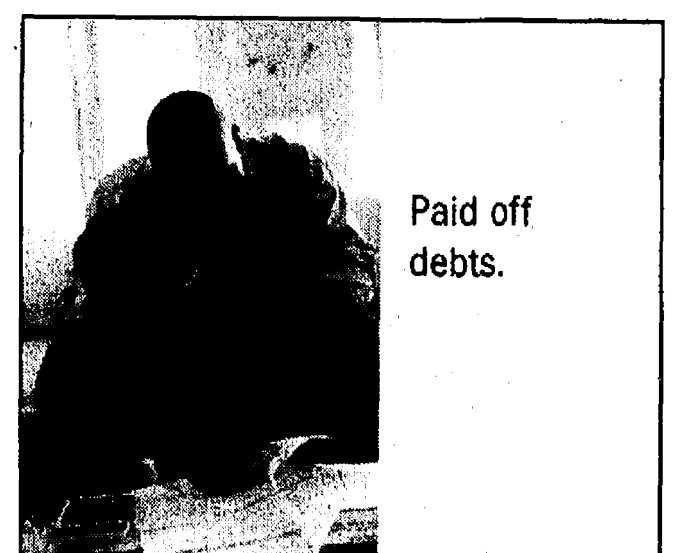
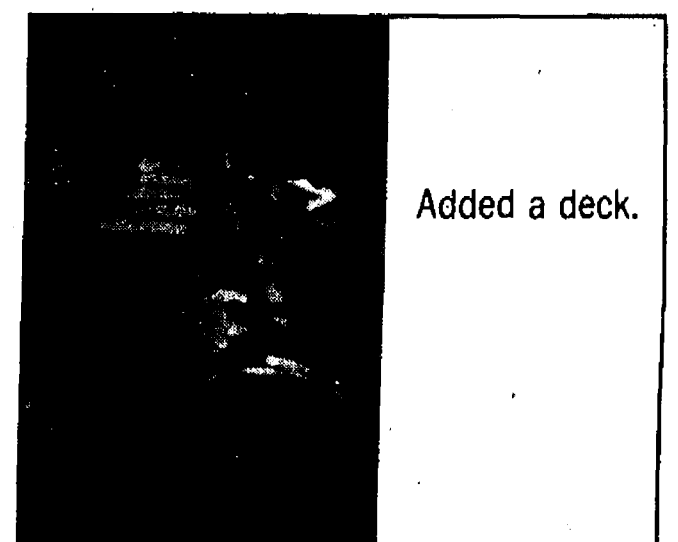
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Czarnecki scored 33 points to power St. Clair to a 65-52 victory Tuesday night over Kirtland, ending the Lady Firebirds' season in the opening round of the Region XII Division II junior college tournament.

Lori Hinkle led Kirtland with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Jeni Kemp added 10 points as Kirtland fell to 10-18 overall.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

#### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03 5971 CH (D)

Lynn G. Kruse, Trustee of the  
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Estate of Roland E. Towne  
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Estate of Alice G. Murray  
Estate of John Daniel Murray  
Dale F. Murray  
Fredric R. Murray

Terry Douglas Strickland  
Estate of Mabel Larson  
Helen A. Thomey  
TO: All Defendants listed  
IT IS ORDERED:  
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to partition the following-described properties: SW/4 of NW/4 of Sec 16, T25N, R4W AND SE/4 of SE/4 of Sec 18, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 10, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: February 18, 2003  
Judge F. Murphy (for)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 02-5949-CH  
Jeffrey Norman Nelson, Jr.  
c/o Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
808 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770  
Edwin G. Nelson  
10842 Chase Bridge  
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TO: Edwin G. Nelson  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to land in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, further described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:  
Parcel 4: Being a part of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4), Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 619.3 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89° 18' East 711.66 feet; thence North 0° 03' East 178.0 feet;

thence South 89° 18' East 711.51 feet; thence South 178.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 31, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and at the Roscommon City Post Office for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Edwin G. Nelson at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: January 31, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which

said premises are described as follows:  
1. and situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00  
The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2003.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .96% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

In order to maintain basic services of the Township, the Township Board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of .0307 mills (3 cents per thousand sev).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells  
8405 Twin Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-9215  
989-348-6437 Fax

### CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grayling will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at the Grayling Elementary School, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to review the 2003 Recreation Grant Application for recreational improvements at the Grayling City Park. Improvements include adding restrooms, increasing parking, improving fishing access, providing canoe access and bridge upgrading. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Michele Moshier  
City Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate**  
File No. 03-6585-DE  
Estate of Lois M. Southwell, Date of birth: 4/03/21

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Lois M. Southwell, who lived at 606 Ogemaw Street, Grayling, Michigan died February 20, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Colleen A. Wyss, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 25, 2003  
Colleen A. Wyss  
1706 Wakeley Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-3203

L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Page 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:  
Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Scheuerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY  
PUBLICATION/POSTING  
AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ  
Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow  
v  
Americorp (Donald Castetter)

TO: Americorp  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue

989-348-5588

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate**  
File No. 03-6593-DE  
Estate of Michael David Ledger,  
Date of birth: 11-30-57

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Michael David Ledger, who lived at 1659 Stephan Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan died March 6, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle Connery, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 4, 2003  
Victor A. Coen, P12006  
2000 Town Center, Suite 900  
Southfield, MI 48075-1100  
248-355-0300  
Michelle Connery  
2830-A East Washington Avenue  
Great Lakes, IL 66088  
224-381-1616

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be

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due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to-wit:

Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof  
Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR# 02694431  
Property to be posted:  
302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6

month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002, in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312907  
Team X

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## FREDERIC TWP. NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tues., March 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederic Twp. Hall, Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI 49733. Phone: 989-348-8778.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers wishing to appeal their assessments as follows

Mon., March 10, 2003	2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sat., March 15, 2003	9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Ronald D. Lewis  
Frederic Twp. Supervisor

## TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB030020 Requests Variance to Build on Existing Footings by Permits #5496 and #5322, closer than 200' from the river.

Petitioner: Ronald & Donna Ritter  
1253 Lavender Street  
Monroe, MI 48162

The above case refers to the following described property:  
Property Code: 20-064-720-000-034-00  
20-064-720-000-035-00  
20-064-720-000-036-00

Property Address: 1920 Dewitt Trail  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Property Desc: Lots 34, 35, 36, River Forest  
Subdivision

Zoning District: RD-R

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department  
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building  
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Bituminous Base Crushing**.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CTF will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

These grants, which will be awarded in October of 2003, are for three years of funding (on a declining fee scale). Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501c3 of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

Any organization that applies is required to provide matching funds for dollars requested and granted. All applications must be reviewed by CTF local council in the applicant's area prior to submission to CTF for consideration. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) will review applications at its March 13, 2002 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Friday, March 7, 2003. Applications must be received in the CTF office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

CTF has a complete set of guidelines available to organizations. For a guideline packet or further information contact Sherry Rosin, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.

The CRCPC is also funding mini-grants to local agencies and organizations. The same criteria applies, as stated above, only on a smaller scale.

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### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

**35,000 ton @ Lovells Pit:** T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **"23A Gravel Bid"**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
March 13, 1980

Grayling has been selected as the site for Weyerhaeuser Company's new wood products manufacturing facility.

The plant will employ 150 people in the production of Structerwood.

Production start-up is planned for late 1981 or early 1982.

The advisory committee appointed by the Crawford AuSable School Board has scheduled weekly meetings for the next two months. This committee is to recommend to the board whether the middle school should be reconstructed or renovated.

A setting of a 52nd Street warehouse in New York during the Roaring Twenties will highlight the Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show this year.

Robert Stacey, Director of the Michigan State Police Crime Lab since its opening a year ago, said Grayling was selected as the site because of its geographical proximity to the district it serves.

The crime lab has been called upon to aid in the investigation of some 1,200 crime cases in its first year of operation.

Five employees are on the local staff in addition to Director Stacey, who explained that crime scene services typically involves dispatching an officer to the scene for the purpose of gathering evidence and working closely with specially trained troopers in crime investigation.

March 9-15 is Girl Scout Week, and more than three million Girl Scouts and adult volunteers are celebrating the 68th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States.

A follow-up survey of all 1979 High School graduates will be in the mail March 17. The survey is being coordinated by the vocational department of the COOR Intermediate School District. Local high schools will receive much valuable information regarding what the graduates are doing nine months after graduation and how well prepared they are for both advanced schooling and work.

B.E. Jenner, president of the Roscommon State Bank, is pleased to announce the election of Gordon O. Whitney as chairman of the board of directors.

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The program to be conducted will utilize both intensive short courses on campus and one day seminars and workshops throughout the 14 counties of Northeast Michigan.

Congratulations to the Viking varsity wrestler's for a successful season. Burt Partello was named Class C. State Wrestling Champ, Tim Jones finished in fifth place, and Coach Don Ferguson was named Region 14 Coach of the Year. Members of the team include Mike Walsh, Todd Dunkley, Scott Hamlin, Bill Lucksted, Bill Roach, Scott Hale, Ken Helsel, Jim Kitch, Jeff Schrader, Mike Chrisman, John Juntilla, Rocky Tobin, Tracy Fagan, Ted Methner and Terry Norman.

46 Years Ago  
March 14, 1957

The Grayling High Vikings, who finished second in the Northern Michigan Class C Conference basketball league, completed the best finish that Grayling has made since they won the championship in the mid-thirties.

A new upsurge in savings has been noted among Crawford Counties residents.

Figures bearing this out have been released by the Federal Reserve System that listed bank deposits in Crawford County's savings and commercial banks were at a high mark of \$2,040,000.

The Frederic basketball team sadly team lost their last game of the season after winning twenty games for the season.

Leo Jorgenson was awarded a life membership for his outstanding service and dedication to Grayling American Legion Post 106. A life membership is about the most valued honor that can be bestowed upon any member by its post.

Showing at the theatre this week is "The Girl Can't Help It" with Jane Mansfield and Tom Ewell. And coming soon, the great rock and roll show "Don't Knock the Rock" with Alan Freed.

69 Years Ago  
March 15, 1934

Only 27 villagers turned out to vote for village office candidates in the election on Monday. Accordingly our officers for the coming year will be: President, Clarence G. Clippert; clerk, E. Loran Sparks; treasurer, Herbert J. Gothro, Assessor, Frank A. Barnett; Trustees, two years, Roy O. Milnes, Albert L. Roberts and Arnold S. Burrows. For one year, Merle F. Nellist. Other members of the council whose terms of office are held over are Nelson Corwin and Jesse Schoonover.

We had some more subzero weather dealt out to us during the weekend. Thursday night it went to 6 below, Friday to 1 below, and Saturday to 10 below. Since Monday the weather has moderated a lot.

The fire department was called to the home of Charles Hanover last night to put out a roof fire that was the fault of a defective chimney. A hole some ten feet square was burned in the roof.

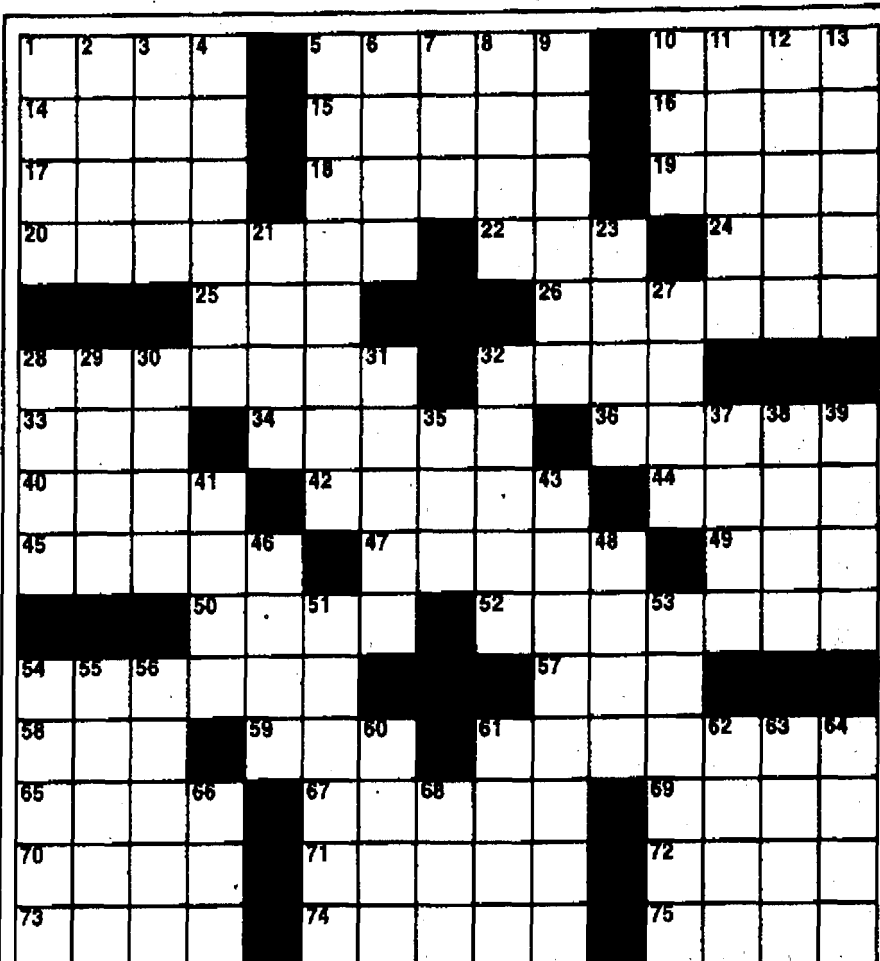
92 Years Ago  
March 16, 1911

The first strawberries of the year were on the market here last Friday, and the first automobile on the streets.

Yesterday was ideal for March, rain and snow, cold and blow, and howling.

John Carter of St. Helen has bought an auto which he will use in showing land to prospective customers. The auto accommodates 20 passengers.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Foul covering on liquid
5. "Cheers" actress Pearlman, et al.
10. Back talk
14. Mammal genus
15. "The \_\_\_ bird catches the worm."
16. River in England
17. Root, as in a word
18. Where cows and pigs live
19. Town in Galilee
20. Member of U.S. Navy
22. Dined
24. That girl
25. Bobby \_\_\_, NHL champ
26. Indirect tax levied on certain commodities
28. Cowards
32. Hebrew unit of measure
33. Secreted by the posterior pituitary gland
34. Constellation near Aquarius
36. Languages of Sulu islands
40. CCC
42. Short-billed rails
44. Cold wind
45. Mountain peak
47. Black, hornless breed from Scotland
49. Picture: shortened form
50. Netherlands river
52. Paints
54. Gambling establishment
57. \_\_\_ Grande
58. First three letters

### DOWN

1. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
2. Advance evidence for
3. The chief solid component of mammalian urine
4. Caribbean dances
5. Umpire's counterparts
6. Robert \_\_\_, poet
7. "To \_\_\_ is human, to forgive is divine."
8. \_\_\_ mater, one's school
9. Comes after "eco" and before "atic"
10. A pouchlike structure in a plant or animal
11. Woolly lemur
12. Sound units
13. A trapping device; also a type of drum
21. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
23. XXX
27. Crustacean with pinchers for hands
28. Tackle the quarterback
29. Thought
30. Noah's oldest son
31. Greek porticoes
32. A tributary of the Missouri River
35. Vase used to put cremated ashes in
37. Be gloomy; to sulk
38. Plant part
39. Pouches
41. Partial: prefix
43. Daybreaks
46. Source of the Blue Nile
48. Take a trip on, a boat
51. Main arteries in the heart
53. Groaned
54. A clique that seeks power usually through intrigue
55. Ancient calculating devices
56. Burn with a hot liquid
60. Western Samoa
61. Sandy piece of seashore
62. Large, low-toned brass instrument
63. Mid-yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
64. Capital of Yemen
66. Type genus of the Suidae
- 68.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Tilapia with Fresh Herb-Pistachio Butter and Baby Spinach

**Herb-Pistachio Butter:**  
12 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup finely chopped pistachios  
1 tablespoon chopped combination of parsley, basil and thyme  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

**For Fillets:**  
6 tilapia fillets  
salt and pepper  
1/3 cup flour  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
2 bags (10 ounces each) baby spinach

For herb-pistachio butter, mash butter, pistachios, herbs, salt and pepper in a bowl. On parchment paper, form butter into a thick log and wrap. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. (Butter can be prepared 1 week ahead and refrigerated, or frozen, over-wrapped in aluminum foil, for up to 2 months.) Position a rack in the center of oven and preheat to 350° F. Season tilapia with salt and pepper and coat with flour. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter and 1 tablespoon of oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the fish, three fillets at a time, and cook, turning once until

golden on both sides, about 4 minutes. Transfer fish to a 10 x 15-inch baking pan. Slice the herb-pistachio butter into 12 equal pats. Place 2 pats on each fillet. Bake until tilapia is opaque and flakes with a knife, about 8 minutes. In another skillet, heat remaining 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. In batches, add spinach, stirring until each batch wilts before adding more. Cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Divide spinach among dinner plates; place fillet on top. Serve immediately.

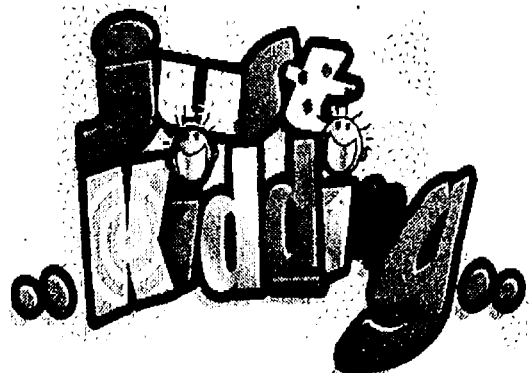
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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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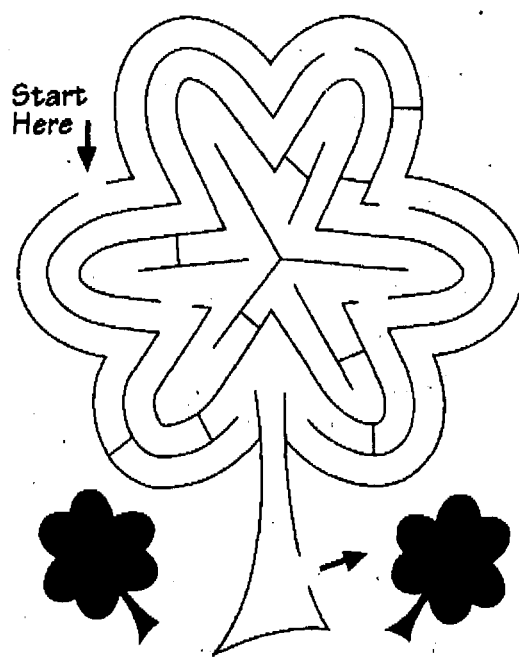
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## DID YOU KNOW

Twenty-four-karat gold contains a small amount of copper.

## MAZE



## Adopt a Pet



Linus is a 6 month old Shar Pei mix pup. He is very sweet and full of energy. Good with people and other dogs. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
3/5	25	4	2
3/6	15	-1	
3/7	25	0	
3/8	28	8	
3/9	28	-21	3
3/10	28	-21	
3/11	16	-5	

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 28 Low 11 AM Clouds PM Sun	High 35 Low 8 AM Light Snow	High 39 Low 22 Partly Cloudy	High 46 Low 26 Mostly Cloudy	High 46 Low 24 Mostly Cloudy	High 42 Low 11 Scattered Showers

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 13, 2003



December 22 - January 19

Tired of doing the same old things? Add some zest to your life with a new hobby, like postcard collecting, or sport, like ice skating. If those don't suit you, sign up for a class or volunteer at a local organization.



March 21 - April 19

A family member is meddling in your life again. You've been nice about it so far, but it's getting old. Make it clear you do not appreciate their actions and politely ask them to stop interfering.



June 22 - July 22

Your boss has asked for volunteers to tackle a new project at work. Before you offer your services, consider the sacrifices you would have to make in your personal life.



September 23 - October 22

Feeling a bit stressed? Schedule a few hours to yourself and relax with a good book or a long, hot bath. Then make a list of everything you need to accomplish and set priorities.



January 20 - February 18

Lately you've been a neat freak, and your family is starting to complain. Remind them that cleaning out drawers and closets is your way of relieving stress, not to mention finding their lost treasures.



April 20 - May 20

Your coworker is in a panic. Rumors are flying around about a big change in company policy. Do your best to calm their fears, but don't get caught up in what may not be true.



July 23 - August 22

Looking for something more challenging? Step up the difficulty of your exercise routine, or switch to something new, like spinning or pilates. If you're up for it, try out an extreme sport, like snowboarding.



October 23 - November 21

A friend uncovers a talent. Encourage them to develop it with further study and practice. Good fortune is just around the corner.



February 19 - March 20

Your boss gives you another assignment. Buckle down and finish any outstanding projects before starting the new one. Don't forget an important date at home.



May 21 - June 21

Feeling creative? Indulge your artistic side with a little free writing, painting or drawing. If you're more musically inclined, try playing a new piece or composing your own.



August 23 - September 22

Staying in touch with family far away is one of your strong points and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work and don't forget to share the news with immediate family.



November 22 - December 21

An illness is taking its toll on you. Slow down and if you need to, take some time off to recover. While you are willing to work hard to be a success, your health is more important.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms.** (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**Connie Williams**  
This clean vinyl sided home has 1,192 square feet and could have two or three bedrooms, the home is situated on a 2 1/2 acre parcel and also features a cute guest cabin in the woods. Priced to sell!! \$59,500 #5073 Ask for Connie!

**Century 21**  
River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. 1-75 Bus. Loop (989) 348-5474

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on 1-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry (989) 275-5445. (-6-13-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

**SPRING DREAMS** Own a Brand New three bedroom, two bath home for less than you are paying for rent. You pick the floor plan, you pick the colors, you pick the payment. May qualify for Crawford County Housing Assistance programs. Contact North Crest Homes today for details. (989) 732-1555 (-27-6-13/1)

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 2a. Want To Rent

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY** Handicap apartment in Grayling or close. (989) 344-9287 (-13/2A)

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### SALES TEAM

**ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS!** PERFECT LOCATION FOR ALL SEASONS COTTAGE! 12x24 One B/R cabin, bath with a path, storage shed, well, screen porch. Furniture included: table, 2 chairs, microwave, stove, refrigerator, 2 beds, love seat, and picnic table. CH-1416 \$25,900

**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME** in the City of Grayling. Close to schools, hospital, and shopping. New plumbing, heating, roof and siding. 3 B/R, 2 bath, full finished basement (egress window in basement B/R), recess lighting, sliding door onto rear deck, six panel pine interior doors, and open staircase. 16x24 garage and fenced back yard. CH-1628 \$82,900.

**CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000

**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000

**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room (12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500

**LifeTime Passes to Ski & Golf Included!** Great 1.72 acre parcel at an awesome price. Includes 2 life time memberships for the golf course and ski resort for a value of \$20,000. Seller also offering a \$5,000 builder discount on a contract to build a home for a minimum of 1,700 square foot or larger. See file for building restrictions. \$49,900 #225549

**Prime Property on Business Loop!** Prime commercial property located on a corner parcel of the business loop. 200' feet of frontage on the business loop, plus frontage on city-maintained Meadows Drive. Ideal location for retail business or restaurant. Currently has rental income apartments plus vacant lot. \$675,000 #14992

**Lovely Home in Quiet Neighborhood!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home close to town in a very nice neighborhood. 2 car attached garage, sprinkler system and natural gas. \$98,900 #225489

**SOLD**  
Great 1 bed-1 bath weekend getaway just minutes from Lake Margrethe. Snowmobile trail and ORV trail nearby. Includes shed. \$17,900 #223957

**Stunning Log Home!** Beautiful, well-built 3BR, 2 bath home with lots of extras. Master bedroom suite, solid oak and pine flooring, cathedral ceiling, 6-panel solid doors throughout. Hickory kitchen cabinets, gas fireplace and more! Must See To Really Appreciate Its Quality! \$215,000 #224031

**Mobile Priced Below S.E.V.** 12x60 foot, 2 BR, 1 bath mobile with roof-over and add-on. Includes deck and 2-car detached garage, and is located in a quiet subdivision. This is a great starter home, listed below S.E.V. for instant equity. \$27,000 #224167

**Ausable River A-Frame!** This 3BR, 1 1/2 bath home on the North Branch of the Ausable River sits less than 50' from the river and offers a beautiful view! 1 1/2 story barn/workshop is 32' x 32'; pole barn is 22' x 22'; patio includes small pond and there is a circle drive. Kitchen appliances are 4 years old, wall heater is 2 years old. To be sold "as is" \$139,900 #224364

**Brand New Spacious Home!** Brand new 2 BR, 1 bath home complete with full finished basement, high efficiency furnace, oak cabinets, open spacious floor plan, blacktop drive and 2 car garage. \$89,900 #224484

**Ideal Fixer-Upper in City!** Motivated Seller is looking for the handyman who is ready to purchase this 2 BR, 1 bath fixer-upper. Ideal rental property or starter home. \$38,000 #224500

**Beautiful Hunting Property!** Beautiful 10.10 acres of hunting and snowmobile country. Adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. \$24,900 #221105

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Broker/Owner

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**LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS** cedar sided 1,400 s.f. Home. 3 B/R, 2 baths, master B/R suite w/built in wardrobe and entertainment center. Vaulted knotty pine beamed ceiling in great room. Kitchen has custom hickory cabinets and ceramic tile flooring and counter tops. Two doorways onto brick patio, split rail fence w/brick pillars, landscaped yard w/sprinkling system. Brick sidewalks, and planters. To include dishwasher, garbage disposal, micro., stove, and refrigerator. CH-1375 \$139,900

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**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**RIVER ACCESS** Really nice two bedroom home, new kitchen, carpeting, vinyl, two car garage. \$550 plus deposit. (989) 348-5384 (-6-13/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

**EFFICIENCY CABIN** \$295 month, \$295 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. (989) 348-5124 (-13/2)

**Commercial Building For Rent**  
Suitable for Offices, & Medical Examining Rooms. 775 sq. ft. \$550/month  
6251 M-72 West, 1 Mile W. of Grayling. 348-4716

### 2. For Rent

**KITCHENETTES AND STUDIO APARTMENT** Available All utilities included, cable. (989) 348-8471 (-27-6-13/2)

**ENERGY EFFICIENT APARTMENT** (lower utility bills) for rent. Two bedrooms, one bath, living room, kitchen with dining area, laundry room, garage, washer/dryer and dishwasher. Call for information (989) 348-8471. (-27-6-13/2)

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

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308 Lawndale Drive  
Telephone: 989-348-9314

### 2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rent is \$400 per month and includes all utilities. Call Norwood Rentals. (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-6-13-20-27/2)

**COMPLETELY REMODELED** 700 sq. ft. two bedroom apartment. New kitchen cabinets, carpeting and much more. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Hookup for washer and dryer in individual locked storage space in basement. Air conditioned. Garage to be available this summer. No smoking, no pets. Must see to appreciate. Ideal for single or couple. \$485 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call (989) 348-7143 (2/27/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH DUPLEX** with appliances and garage, close to town. Phone (989) 348-8066. (2/6/03tf/2)

### 2. For Rent

**OLDER TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** in Beaver Creek Township. \$450 per month plus utilities, references plus one month security deposit. (989) 275-4126 and leave a message. (-27-6-13/2)

**TWO BEDROOM** Remodeled, no smoking, no pets. Six miles east of Grayling. \$450 month. (989) 348-4840 (-6-13-20-27/2)

**THREE BEDROOM HOME** for rent in town. Newly remodeled with two car attached garage. \$600 per month plus deposit and references. No pets or smoking allowed. j(989) 348-1348 (-13-20/2)

**LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** 101D State St., Grayling. AuSable River Access. \$395 per month. Utilities, references and one month deposit required. No pets. (989) 348-4464 (-13/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 6274 Old Lake Rd. One bedroom, stove, refrigerator, newly remodeled \$350 month plus security deposit. Utilities not included, no pets. (989) 348-4716 (3/6/03tf/2)

**BEDROOM FOR RENT** Only one mile from uptown Grayling and surrounded by woods and wildlife, enjoy a peaceful setting in this spacious home. \$325 per month. All utilities are free, including cable TV, phone, kitchen, laundry and more. (989) 348-2083. (2/20/03tf/2)

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**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13-20-27/2)

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### 3. Employment

**DRIVERS NEEDED** Regional courier company is currently seeking Independent Contractors in high-docks, minivans and cargo vans to make deliveries in the Northern Michigan area. Please call (888) 336-7205 for an appointment. (-20-27-6-13/3)

**Wanted - Night Cook** part-time leading to full time - will train. Apply in person Thursday, March 13th from 1-4 pm at the Grayling Restaurant



**SCHEER MOTORS Help Wanted - Auto dealership porter, full time. Responsibilities - lot stocking, organization, maintenance, minor snow removal, janitorial errands, etc. Valid drivers license and must have no restrictions. Must have own transportation and be reliable. Contact Rick Longendyke Scheer Motors. Apply in person only.**

### 3. Employment

**LINE COOK NEEDED** Experience required. Full-time. Call Kurt at (989) 275-8770 (-13-20-27/3)

**PART-TIME AFTERNOON** Apply at Grayling Laundromat, 104 Charles Street. (-13/3)

**SPIKES KEG O'NAILS** Now accepting applications. Only friendly faces need apply. (-13-20/3)

**FULL-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST** Growing general practice law firm is seeking personable individual to fill Secretary/Receptionist position. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 665, Grayling, MI 49738 (-6-13/3)

**HILLTOP MANOR HEALTH CARE CENTER** has openings for RN's and LPN's for part-time days and full-time midnights. We also have an opening for a full time physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. We offer competitive wages along with a benefit package including medical, dental, vision, short term disability, and 401k retirement. Two weeks paid vacation after one year of service and sick time after 90 days of service. If you are a team player and would like to join our team please inquire within at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center, 1290 East Michigan Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-6-13/3)

**CUSTOMER ACCESS REP I** Mercy Hospital is seeking persons to work in admitting, scheduling, switchboard areas within the hospital. These positions are both full-time and Casual (on-call). Require a high school diploma or equivalent. One year experience or post high school business work in a medical setting preferred, successful completion of medical terminology required. Within (6) months of hire date. Working knowledge of computer programs Windows, Excel, etc. Persons with excellent multi-tasking skills would be ideal candidate for positions. Interested persons should contact: Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-0485 (-13/3)

**AUTO TECHNICIAN** Heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessary. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, safe, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. (989) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (2/20/03tf/3)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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Crawford AuSable Schools, Grayling, Michigan, will receive proposals from qualified contractors for Office, Classroom, Music, and Media Center Furnishings, for the Grayling High School. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Melissa Stone, Assistant Principal, Grayling High School, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. All proposals must be sealed in envelopes, plainly labeled "Crawford AuSable Schools - Office, Classroom, Music, and Media Center Furnishings" and must be received prior to 11:00 am, local time, on Thursday March 20, 2003. All proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid opening will take place at the Clark Construction Trailer, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, 11:15 am, local time, on Thursday, March 20, 2003. All bidders are required to furnish Bid Security in the amount of five (5%) percent of the Base Bid. Form of the security may be a bid bond, certified check, cashiers check or money order made payable to the Crawford AuSable School District. Personal and company checks will not be acceptable unless certified. All bidders must indicate, where shown on the Proposal Form, the cost of Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds covering 100% of the value of the Project. It is a requirement for acceptance of bid that bidders show they are bondable. Bidding Documents may be examined after March 2, 2003 at: GMB Architects-Engineers, 85 East Eighth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, 616-796-0200. Prospective Bidders desiring complete sets of Contract Documents may obtain them from the Architect/Engineer.

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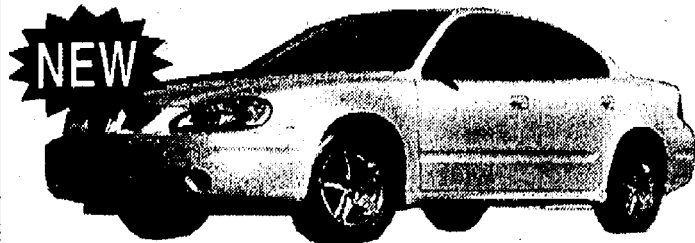
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2 dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!  
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Only 35,000 miles! #4883 Was \$11,988. **Blowout Price \$8,988**

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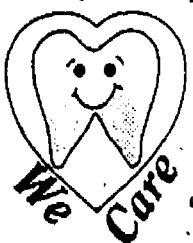


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## Caution urged while using space heaters

With a few more weeks of winter remaining and temperatures averaging below normal, Consumers Energy reminds everyone who uses supplemental heating to do so safely.

Supplemental heaters, or space heaters, are typically electric or kerosene fueled. Most space heaters are designed to heat a single room or the equivalent area. Safe use of space heaters requires a good portion of common sense and a thorough understanding of the manufacturer's instructions.

Consumers Energy offers the following space heater safety tips:

- When purchasing an electric space heater, make sure it has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label and always read and follow

the manufacturer's instructions.

- Do not use an extension cord or defeat the ground prong of electric space heaters. Some extension cords cannot handle the amount of electricity needed to operate a space heater, and could cause a fire. The ground prong helps prevent electric shock.

- Keep the heater away from furniture, walls, draperies or anything flammable.

- Keep electric heaters away from water and never touch the heater when you're wet.

- Always unplug the heater before you go to bed or leave home.

- Make sure automatic shut-off switches are functioning - to turn off a heater if it tips over.

- Use only approved 1-K

kerosene in fueled heaters. Never substitute gasoline.

- When purchasing a fueled heater be sure to buy a unit with an ODS (oxygen depletion system) that shuts the heater off when oxygen levels fall below a safe level.

Some fueled space heaters are designed only for use outdoors.

If a heater can be safely used indoors it will normally be marked on the device, on packaging and in the manufacturer's instructions.

Never use an outdoor space heater in an enclosed area. Improper use of a fueled space heater can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning or death.

## Home Heating Credit forms available

This year's Home Heating Credit forms are available now at Consumers Energy's bill payment offices. Low-income Michigan residents can get up to \$150 or more for their winter energy bills through the Home Heating Credit program.

Residents can also get the forms at public libraries or by calling the utility's toll-free number, 1-800-477-5050. They're also available from the Michigan Department of Treasury by calling 1-800-367-6263.

The Department of Treasury offers help in filling out the forms at 1-800-487-7000. (The form is MI-1040CR-7.) A number of volunteer sites also are available for low-income residents who need help filling out Home Heating Credit forms and income tax forms.

Residents can get information about the nearest volunteer site by calling Consumers Energy's toll-free number.

An insert in Consumers Energy's February bills provide details about the Home Heating Credit and how to file for it. Last year, 298,350 Michigan residents got \$77.4 million in aid through the program, which is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The Home Heating Credit isn't a tax credit, so residents can apply immediately. The credit is based on how much low-income residents spent on home heating from November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002. The credit can be applied to all heating costs including propane and purchased firewood. The deadline to file is September 30, 2003.

## Disadvantaged businesses offered MDOT workshops

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is offering entrepreneurs the chance to gain information by attending one of the department's two 2003 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Business Development Conferences.

The program is designed to help business owners learn how the certification program creates a level playing field on which they can compete fairly for contracts in the transportation industry.

The first conference will be held March 17-19 at the Marriott Hotel in Detroit. The second will be held March 24-26 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant. For more information, call Connie Durham at (517) 373-2377.

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